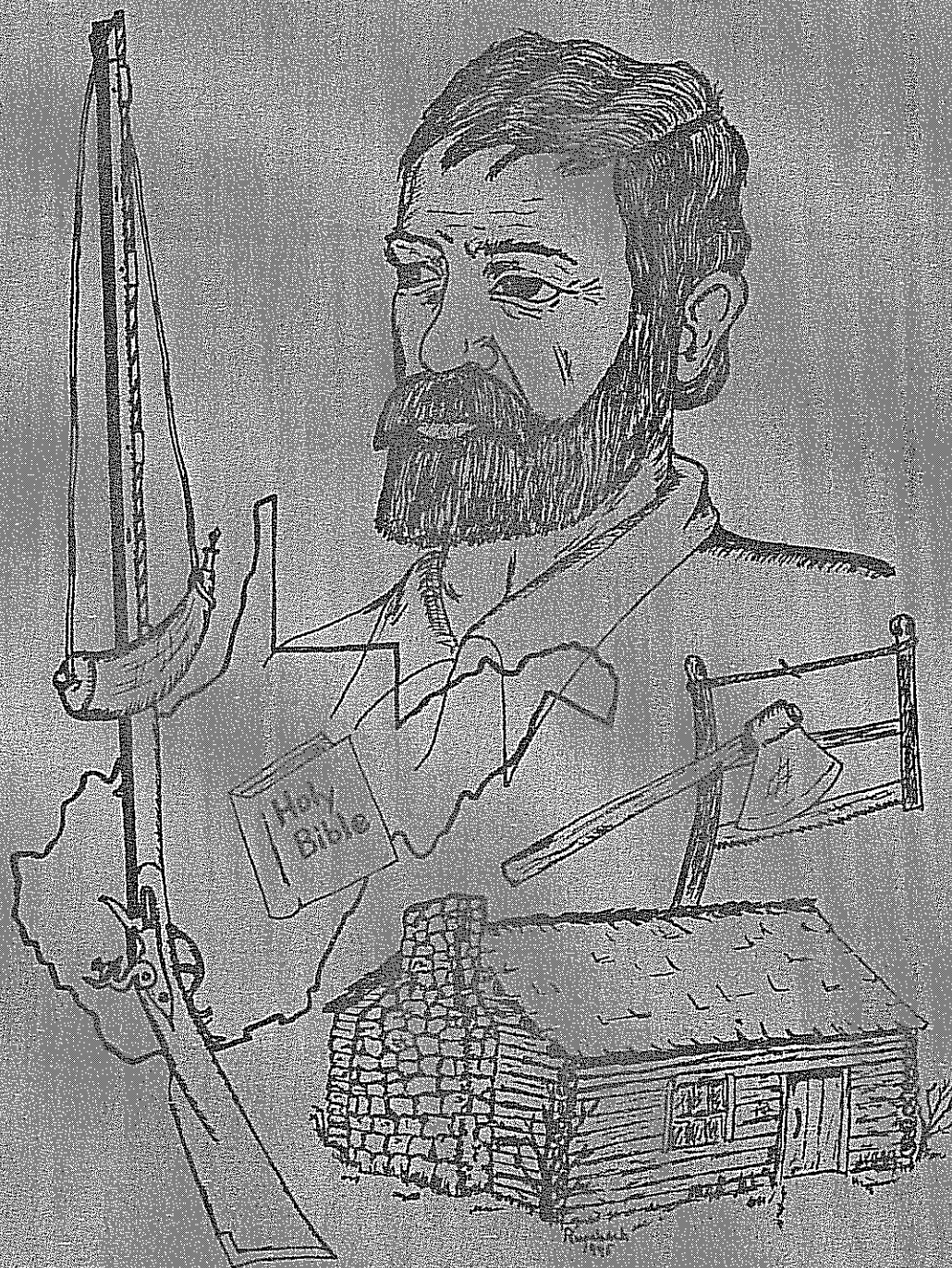


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*Dear Cousins and Friends:*

*Spring has sprung, the grass has riz; I wonder where my relatives is.* Apparently that's what everyone is thinking, because things have been buzzing around the library in recent days. Some days we have five volunteers on hand and every one of them has been busy helping someone from somewhere. We're glad you're stopping in; keep it up! It's truly exciting to meet members from Washington to Florida --- and even from Nitro, Parkersburg and Morgantown.

The NASCAR raffle drawing was held, as scheduled, on 15 April. The number for the West Virginia Daily Three was 412 and that should have been the winner...but that ticket wasn't sold. So, we held a drawing with a library patron who hadn't purchased a ticket being the drawer. The winner was Suzette Wagner of Clay Street, Clarksburg. While we had hoped to sell 999 tickets and realize a profit of nearly \$23,000 and end our \$\$ worries and fund-raising for the current fiscal year, it didn't happen that way. We sold only 165 tickets and the profit was 1/10 of the projected amount. Consequently, you'll continue to hear about fund-raisers - and we'll continue to work locally to meet our operating expenses. (Here's a fact that might help you understand: It costs about \$17 to service each member with Journals and newsletters; this leaves \$7/member to operate the library, the website, pay staff, etc. We fall far short of meeting expenses just from dues. Therefore, we rely heavily on the generosity of our donors, publications, grants, and on numerous fund-raisers to meet our expenses.)

The Everton workshop on Saturday, April 17, was a **BIG** success! Sixty persons attended the all day session taught by Virginia resident Earl Savage of Everton Publishing Company; the comments were generally positive about the workshop and everyone expressed a desire for similar workshops and seminars in the future.

Over the years, HCPD has acquired boxes and boxes of original manuscripts, letters, photographs, cassette tapes, etc., etc., etc. Although the staff had a very limited amount of training in cataloguing and storing these kinds of things and had done a "fair to middling" job of preserving them for future generations, the board recognized the need for some expert assistance in this area. Alas! Along comes Joan Peters, one of HCPD's own who hails from Broad Run, Virginia! She is a professional archivist and grant writer and is working to become a certified genealogist. She has worked on numerous projects for counties all over Virginia. Now, she has volunteered

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## EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

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An Old Citizen

Relates an Interesting Story of the Town and  
Recalls Many incidents and Events  
of By Gone Happy Days

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Weston Democrat, Saturday, April 16, 1892

TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

*Written for the Democrat*

I will now pay my respects to Mr. George FISHER, Sr., who resided on Murphy's Creek, a branch of the West Fork of the Monongahela River. Mr. FISHER was the owner of a large and productive farm. He was among the early settlers of this country when the territory that now composes Lewis county belonged to and composed a part of Harrison County. Mr. FISHER was a man of sterling qualities, as were most of the men who composed the early settlers, honest, upright, straight forward and industrious, attending to his own business, but ready and willing at all times to extend a helping hand to all those who were deserving and needing his assistance. Kind hearted, generous and forbearing, by industry, frugality and perseverance he accumulated property which rendered him independent and enabled him to assist his children and give them a good start in life as they became old enough to do for themselves. Strictly moral and religious, ever setting a good example to the young and rising generation.

I will now cross over to Middle Run to Mr. Jesse HAWKINS', who was born and raised in Loudoun County, Va. He moved to this county at an early day, and settled near West Field, on the West Fork river, about five miles below Weston. From there he moved to Middle Run. He was a very peculiar man in a great many respect. One of his peculiarities was his great dislike for litigation. In the early days of this country the law titles were in a very unsettled condition. If a man purchased a tract of land from one man he had very little assurance that he would get to hold it five years without some one else coming in and claiming it under an older title. Mr. HAWKINS became so disgusted with this state of affairs that he determined that he would not buy land at all and he stuck to the resolution, never owning a foot of land, remaining a tenant through life or until one of his sons purchased a tract of land and took him to live with him. He was a very industrious, hard-working man, raised a very large family of children, was a good citizen, and lived to a good old age.

James MONEYPENNY, an old settler and an industrious farmer, raised a large family, was a good honest, upright citizen.

Humphry ARNOLD resided on the waters of Middle Run. He owned a large farm of very productive land. He was well advanced in years; was the owner of slaves, one of whom is old "Aunt Matilda," who was afterwards owned by Geo. J. ARNOLD, a nephew of Humphry ARNOLD, and a more devoted and industrious servant could not be found in all this country than was this old colored woman. She remained the property of Mr. Geo. J. ARNOLD up to the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President LINCOLN in



1862, when Mr. **ARNOLD** presented her with a house and lot, situated about one half mile south of Weston, where she now resides. A very fitting reward for her services and devotion to his interest while his slave.

Col. John **CAMP**, who married the only daughter of Mr. Humphry **ARNOLD**, resided on the same farm with his father-in-law. Col. **CAMP** was the eldest son of Squire James M. **CAMP**, of Weston. He was a man of considerable learning for his day, having enjoyed better opportunities for acquiring an education, and he was a man of influence in the county.

I must not forget a small colony of Scotch that settled on the waters of Lime Stone, a branch of Murphy's Creek, by the names of **BANKHEAD**, **SPEARS** and **HENRY**. They were coal miners by occupation - a very sturdy, thrifty people. They emigrated to this country about the year 1842, purchased a lot of wild land and built themselves log cabins and located their families, but their old habits and predilection for the mines were so strong that the men did not remain much at home, preferring to follow their old trade in the mines to clearing out the forests, but they employed others to open up their lands for them, their families remaining and while pretty much all of the men left the county after their families were grown, their daughters married some of the finest young farmers of the county and made most excellent wives, and their children are now occupying high positions of both honor and trust. The Scotch have the reputation of being a clear headed, far-seeing and hardy race, and leave their impress for good wherever they go, which proved to be a fact in the case of the small colony that settled in Lewis county.

Mr. J. S. **WARD** owns and resides on a fine farm on the waters of Rush Run, about five miles south of Weston. He settled on this farm at an early day, and by industry, perseverance and economy has succeeded in becoming an independent farmer, and a man who merits and receives the confidence and respect of all who know him. He has raised a large family of children, who are all married and he had provided well for them all. He is a good citizen, a good kind-hearted neighbor and respected by all who know him.

Mathew **HOLT**, Sr., owned and resided on the farm where the village of Bendale is now located, about two miles south of Weston. Mr. **HOLT** was one of the leading citizens of the county. He was a Pennsylvanian by birth and had secured a good education in his native State. He came to the State of Virginia while a young and single man and after remaining here for a time he was united in marriage to Miss Abigail, a daughter of Mr. William **BENNETT**, and located on the above mentioned farm where he owned and operated a mill in connection with his farm. Mr. **HOLT** was a man that had won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him by his gentlemanly conduct and straightforward dealing with his neighbors, a man of strict religious principles, exerting a great moral influence in the community in which he resided. He sold out and moved to a farm on the Little Kanawha River, in what is now Gilmer count in 1845. His leaving the county was regretted by all of his neighbors and acquaintances, and particularly his excellent wife and family.

And now we will notice a very peculiar and somewhat amusing character in the personage of Tandy **SPROUSE** and his five sons, "Uncle

Tandy," as he was known and called, moved to this county somewhere between the year 1840 and 1844, from Albemarle County, Va., and settled on the waters of Rush Run, in Lewis county. He was what you might call a regular Tuckyhoe. He was well advanced in life when he came to this county; was a great worker and exercised the most complete control over his sons of any man in this county after they were all grown and married, keeping them all or pretty much all of them together around him. He owned no land himself but was a renter and leaser, as were all his sons. He was a great tobacco raiser. And I am under the impression that he was one of the first men in the county that cultivated the weed to any extent. The old man and his boys made considerable money by raising and shipping their tobacco. They were all great Democrats, never missing an election. On the morning of an election you would see the old man come walking into town with his five sons following in Indian file, boasting of how he was going to lay the Whig candidates out. They were all very fond of the ardent and as soon as they arrived in the town they regaled themselves and then the old man would begin to relate the story of the days of Old Hickory **JACKSON**, as he was a great admirer of Old Hickory, and had voted for him every time he ran for President. In those days they voted on the viviacie system. The Sheriff would cry the vote at the poles and sometimes "Uncle Tandy" would get a little too much befuddled to remember who the candidates, but never forgot Andrew **JACKSON**, and if they were voting for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of Congress, State Senator or Legislator, Tandy would come to the polls. The Sheriff would cry out, Tandy **SPROUSE** who do you vote for for Governor? Andrew **JACKSON**. Who for Lieutenant

Governor, Andrew **JACKSON**. And he would vote for Andrew **JACKSON** clear through for all the offices. Notwithstanding the whole family were rather ignorant and illiterate they were a very stout heart and industrious set of men, and while they owned no land of their own they cleared out a vast quantity of land for other men, thereby helping to develop and improve the country, and the old man, aside from his drinking a little too much when he come to town, was what might be called a good citizen, honest, paying all his debts and attending strictly to his own business, and ready and willing to extend a helping hand to those who were more unfortunate than himself. He lived to be a very old man.

Shelton **BAILEY** owns and resides on a farm on the waters of the Sand Fork, of the Little Kanawha River. Mr. **BAILEY** is a very industrious, upright, honorable citizen. By his industry, strict economy and perseverance has made success in life; has raised a large family and is now in his old days enjoying the fruits of his labors; a man highly respected by all who know him; a good and kind hearted neighbor, ready and willing at all times to lend a helping had to those who are needy and in distress.

William **STRINGER** also owned a farm and resided on the Sand Fork waters. Mr. **STRINGER** had passed the meridian of life but was hale and hearty. He was a cultured man of fine natural ability. He had acquired an education far superior to the majority of the citizens of the county, and being a man of a fine discriminating and analytical mind, he was very to handle and get around in an argument on any subject; he was a man that might be termed well informed on any and all subjects; one of the finest historians in the county at this day; a fine mathematician; a fine

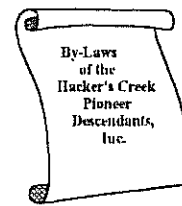
surveyor. When I became acquainted with him he was incapacitated by age from performing manual labor. He taught school a part of his time in the neighborhood and was a No. one teacher.

John FLESHER owned a fine farm adjoining Mr. STRINGER'S. Mr. FLESHER was one of those steady, quiet, industrious, temperate and peaceable men, attending strictly to his own business, thereby avoiding all clashings, bickerings and hard feelings with his neighbors. By his industry and close application to his business he acquired a nice competency for his old age. He was a man that was highly respected and trusted by all who knew him for his sterling qualities. He raised a family of sons who are now among our best and most useful citizens.

William CAMP, the second son of James M. CAMP, resided on the waters of Rush Run. He owned a very valuable farm and was a very industrious farmer; a good citizen; a kind hearted gentleman; a good neighbor, ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy and deserving.

We will now cross over the Rush Run hill on to the waters of Carion Run, a branch of the West Fork where we will find Isaac ROHRBOUGH, who owns and farms a fine and productive tract of land. He is a son of one of the first settlers of the upper West Fork River. Mr. ROHRBOUGH is a quiet, industrious farmer, has made a good living for himself and family; a good, kind hospitable neighbor; has raised a large family of sons and daughters who are good citizens.

*An Old Citizen (to be continued)*



## Proposed HCPD By-Laws Revisions

In accordance with the HCPD By-Laws themselves, the Board of Directors has approved numerous changes to the by-laws which are intended to make the society run more efficiently and be more effective in fulfilling the needs of HCPD members. The revised by-laws, to be effective, must be approved at the annual meeting during the annual gathering in August 1999. The proposed revised by-laws can be found in their entirety at the end of this issue of the Journal.

Buckhannon *Busy Bee* Sept 19, 1890

The first thing an overseer does when he commences to work the road is to clean out the ditches and then, so that the drainage may be complete, he proceeds to make breakers across about every 100 feet. And breakers they are too. They break more harnesses, wagons, and buggies than anything else, and nothing has a greater tendency to wear out the team. Besides, such places make the worst mudholes during the rainy season of the year and are dangerous always.

*HCPD Gathering  
August 12 - 15, 1999!!!*

BUCKHANNON, WEST VIRGINIA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1955



At 97  
**Thomas L. Stockert, Sr.,**  
**Still Active in Business**  
**Interests**

Thomas L. **STOCKERT**, Sr. of 94 East Main Street, celebrated his 97th birthday Monday, Oct. 31. He is the twin brother of the late Henry S. **STOCKERT**, who resided on Florida Street until his death on Apr. 8, 1947. They were considered to be the oldest twins in the State at that time.

Mr. **STOCKERT** was born, Oct. 31, 1858, near Scottsville, in Fluvanna County Va., the son of the late Julius F. and Virginia **DAVIS STOCKERT**.

His father was born in the city of Plauan, Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, Sept. 1, 1828, and came to America with his brother, Edward and his uncle, Lothe in 1846. He settled in Virginia, and established himself in the shoe and boot making business. He had learned the trade in Germany, and was skilled in his work.

He married Miss Virginia Mareland **DAVIS**, a southern girl, daughter of H. A. **DAVIS**, a lawyer of Richmond, and Frances Thurston **DAVIS**, Apr. 18, 1853. They first lived near Staunton, but later moved to a farm near Scottsville which was near the birthplace of her father. This was shortly before the Civil War. Mr. **STOCKERT** and his brother, Henry, were born there.

Here the **STOCKERT** boys attended a private school, taught in a log building not far from their home, for three months each year. The parents taught the children at home during the other months.

In October, 1866, shortly after the Civil War, the **STOCKERT** family sold their farm and moved to West Virginia by covered wagon train, and settled on a farm near Parkersburg. The **STOCKERT** twins were about eight years of age. Others on the trip over the Staunton-Parkersburg turnpike, were his parents, grandmother (the grandfather had died ), brothers, Gus, Edward, and John, and sisters, Amelia and Virginia, and a colored man who helped to drive and care for the horses.

Three years later the family bought and moved to a farm at Leading Creek, Lewis County. Here Mr. **STOCKERT** spent the remainder of his childhood and early

manhood. He and his twin brother liked the outdoor life and the woodlands, became greatly interested in timber, and together with their brothers, bought a saw mill and started in that business. They worked in different sections of Lewis County for a few years, and in 1883, moved their mill to Upshur County, to the DARNALL farm, near French Creek, where they worked for several months. This was in sight of the present State Game Farm, and they worked there for several months. Leaving that location, they bought timber and sawed sets of timber on many farms in Upshur County over a period of several years.

About 1890, Mr. STOCKERT and his brothers, Henry and John, operated a planing mill in Buckhannon then the twin brothers bought all the interest in the mill and ran it as the STOCKERT Brothers Planing Mill and Lumber Co. They also bought large tracts of timber lands elsewhere.

On December 28, 1892, Mr. STOCKERT was married to Miss Desdemona "Dessie" CLEAVENGER, daughter of the late James Franklin and Eleanor Flesher CLEAVENGER of Spruce Fork, Upshur County. They settled in Buckhannon, where they have always lived. In September, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. STOCKERT moved into their new home which they had just completed at 94 East Main Street where they have since resided. He enjoys gardening, and he and Mrs. STOCKERT raise beautiful flowers, and have many blooming rose bushes and shrubs every summer in their lawn, which they planted fifty years ago.

Several years ago Mr. STOCKERT retired from the lumber business, and engaged in farming and real estate. His many business buildings and dwellings keep him quite busy. He has led a very active business life, and has had many interesting experiences.

He has been a member of the First Baptist Church for forty years, and has held different offices on church committees during that time. He attends church and Sunday school services regularly, and on his birthday the membership presented him with a beautiful potted chrysanthemum.



## Spring is Here

By Virginia HALL of Walkersville

Mar 6. 1935



Spring, Spring, merry, fairy Spring, when you are around the way  
The birds begin to sing, "Wake-up Spring is here I say."

Spring, Spring, delightful, fleeting Spring, with your blue skies overhead  
And the clouds that ring out, "A rain I shall shed"

Spring, Spring, laughing, breezy Spring, full of life everywhere,  
Your sunshine will help bring flowers by the roadside there.

*Buckhannon Record*

December 9, 1974



## IN REFLECTION

by *R. H. Ralston, Sr.*

What part did Upshur County play in the Revolutionary War? Fortunately, this question has already been answered in an article published in the "Year Book of Upshur County Historical Society"---the first publication of this organization.

It was printed in 1928 by the Buckhannon Record's commercial printing department.

There were 103 charter members listed in the organization's membership, and the following were officers: Judge J. C. **McWHORTER**, president; William O. **HINKLE**, first vice president; Corinne **CUTRIGHT**, second vice president; Duffy C. **HORNBECK**, secretary, and Thomas J. **LIGGETT**, treasurer. Only the secretary is now living.

Miss **CUTRIGHT** authored the article about the Revolutionary soldiers in that first annual year book. Her references include **LEWIS'** "Archives and History;" **McWHORTER'S** "Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia;" **CUTRIGHT'S** "History of Upshur County;" **McALLISTER'S** "Virginia Militia;" **WITHERS'** "Chronicles of Border Warfare;" **DABNEY'S** "History of Gen. Stonewall **JACKSON**;" Calendar of Virginia State Papers, and Daughters of [the] American Revolution Lineage Books.

Miss **CUTRIGHT** listed the following as Revolutionary soldiers residing in Upshur County---1776 - 1784.

Capt. Samuel **PRINGLE**, Capt. William **WHITE**, Capt. John **BOZARTH**, Lt. Jacob **BRAKE**, Benjamin **CUTRIGHT**, John **CUTRIGHT**, John **FINK**, George **BOZARTH**, Jacob **BUSH**, John **BUSH**, John **JACKSON**, and Elizabeth Cummings **JACKSON**.

And the following notation is made by Miss **CUTRIGHT**: (Elizabeth Cummings **JACKSON** proved herself, though a woman, to have the stomach and mettle of a man and rendered valuable service by aiding and inspiring the resistance of the defenders.)

The following were listed as war pensioners residing in Upshur County---1832:

John **CUTRIGHT**, Private, Virginia Militia; John **BRAKE**, Private, Virginia Militia; Philip **REGER**, Private, Virginia Militia; John **WINGROVE**, Private, Virginia Militia; William **CLARK**, Private, Virginia Continental; James **TENNEY**, Private, Massachusetts Continental; and Jacob **HYRE**, Indian Spy.

Revolutionary War pensioners residing in Upshur County---1840 - 41:

John **CUTRIGHT**, Private, Virginia Militia; Philip **REGER**, Private, Virginia Militia; John **WINGROVE**, Private, Virginia Militia; Jacob **HYRE**, Indian Spy; James **TENNEY**, Private, Massachusetts Continental; and Jacob **HUNT**.

Miss **CUTRIGHT** published this list of Revolutionary soldiers who died in Upshur County: Capt. William **WHITE**, Virginia Militia; Capt. Samuel **PRINGLE**, Virginia Militia; Jacob **BRAKE**, Virginia Militia; Phillip **REGER**, Virginia Militia; Benjamin **CUTRIGHT**, Virginia Militia; John **CUTRIGHT**, Virginia Militia; William **CLARK**, Virginia Continental; Zedekia **MORGAN**, Massachusetts Continental; James **TENNEY**, Massachusetts Continental; Noah **SEXTON**, Massachusetts Continental; John **TRUBY**, Rev. Service in Penn.; and Jacob **HYRE**, Indian Spy.

Under the heading of Colonial Service, Miss **CUTRIGHT** lists Capt. George **JACKSON** and John **TRUBY**, Pennsylvania.

It's unfortunate that more wasn't published in 1828 about Upshur's part in the American Revolution. It's just possible that the references listed by Miss **CUTRIGHT** might yield a little more. But that's doubtful. Miss **CUTRIGHT** was an authority on this subject. She was especially interested because of her ancestry's participation and because of her membership and participation in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

It's a special source of pride to the **CUTRIGHTS**, **BRAKES**, **REGERS**, **WINGROVES**, **CLARKS**, **TENNEYS**, **HYRES**, **PRINGLES**, **SEXTONS**, **MORGANS**, **WHITES**, **JACKSONS**, **BUSHES**, and their relatives who now bear other names to have been a part of the growth and development of this area for the past 200 years!

What about the **BOZARTHS**, the **FINKS**, the **TRUBYS**? Two of the **BOZARTH** children were the victim of an Indian raid. Some married **REGERS** and remain with us through that family. Finks Run west of Buckhannon must have derived its name from that family. The same is true of the **TRUBY** family. And, like so many other names, it has become misspelled during the course of history into Trubies Run on a 1905 map, and now Trubie Run on the current state highway department map.

As we make plans to observe Upshur's part in American Revolution of 200 years ago let's pause for a moment to read what Judge **McCWHORTER** wrote in the foreword to the first year book of the Upshur County Historical Society in 1928:

"We in Upshur County are living on one of the most historically romantic spots in America. Our early local history is so essentially a part of the record of the development of the great trans-Allegheny and Ohio Valleys that no part of it should be lost. It should be made a special study in our county schools. It should be a living theme in the mind of every teacher in the county.

Starting with our local pioneer history, its entrancing romance and vital connection with present day life, how easy it would be to interest children in historical subjects! It would become a living theme, stirring the feelings and arousing the interest of children as no events of the dull, dead past can."



1. Nathan S. **BOARD** married Cassandra **RADCLIFF** in 1847 in Kanawha County. Nathan was listed in the 1847 tax list. I would like to know the parents of Cassandra. She may have died during childbirth and would like to know if there is a death reported for her. Please respond to Leah **McCARTY**, 214 Raintree Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Tel: 502-223-1680, email: Leahscotti@aol.com.

2. I'm looking for information on George **ALLMAN**, b. abt. 1827 in Virginia. He married Eleanor **ALLMAN**, b. May 1836, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth **ALLMAN**, in Vinton County, Ohio, March 10, 1853. Death certificates of some of their children and family history says "their names were the same, but they come from different families." Any information about George **ALLMAN** or his parents would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Gary **ALLMAN**, 3152 Mills Road SE, Washington CH., OH 43160 or e-mail ab510@oak-web.washington-ch.oh.us.

3. **ARGABRITE/ARGABRIGHT, WINE(S), SWOPE, MILLER, LOWE**. Looking for any information about Wm. Floyd **ARGABRITE** - b. 28 Feb 1850 Monroe Co., WV, s/o Isaac **ARGABRITE** and Elizabeth or Betsy **SWOPE**. Floyd m/1 Elizabeth **WINES** 10 Sep 1872 in Spencer, Roane Co., WV. She was b. Mar 1854 in Jackson Co., WV, d/o Richard **WINES** and Nancy **MILLER**. Need exact birth date and place for Elizabeth **WINES**. She d. 31 Aug 1880 in Spencer, Roane Co., WV. and is buried in the Old Spencer Memorial Cemetery. Floyd m/2 Fairlena **LOWE** and they had several children. Would like the complete list and vital data on them. Also would like to correspond with any descendants. Floyd d. on 24 Sep 1923 in Spencer, WV. Appreciate any contact at all.

**DAVIS, HILL, ARGABRITE, WINE(S)**. Lucy B. (what does "B" stand for?) **ARGABRITE** was 1st child of Floyd **ARGABRITE** and Elizabeth **WINES**, b. in May 1872, possibly in Clendenin, Kanawha Co., WV. Need exact date and place. She m. John R. (poss. Robert) **DAVIS** 2 Apr 1891. Was it in Clendenin also? John was b. 20 Apr 1860 Kanawha Co., WV, s/o William H. **DAVIS** and Mary Elizabeth **HILL**. I find John & Lucy on the 1900 Census of Kanawha Co. in the Big Sandy District, but do not find Lucy after 1910. When and where did she die? Did John remarry? When/where did he die? She and John had the following children: possibly a Victoria b. 24 Dec 1891 in Osburne Mills, Kanawha Co. (do not have proof of this child); Mabell G. b. 21 Feb 1893 in Roane Co.; Walter G. b. in May 1895; and Glenn E. b. in Aug 1899. Need exact dates and places. Know nothing about these children. Can ANYONE help me? Please contact Bette Butcher **TOPP**, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917, email: topline@cet.com. My homepage, <http://www.cet.com/~topline>, has my Ahnentafel chart on it.

4. I am searching for the parents of Dennis **CARDER**, born about 1821 in WV and lived in Harrison and Doddridge Counties. Dennis and Phebe (**STUTLER**) **CARDER** are listed in the 1860 Harrison County census records with the following children, Albert F. **CARDER**, Amanda **CARDER**, Emily **CARDER** and Luther H. **CARDER**. Dennis and Phebe **CARDER** are also listed in the 1870 Census of Doddridge County, WV (new Milton Township). I believe that Dennis **CARDER** was the son of William **CARDER**, Jr., but do



not have any proof. Any help in this research would be greatly appreciated. Please respond to Robert D. **CARDER**, 17727 Trace Road, Rush, Kentucky 41168 or e-mail to [CATHYPHI@WWD.NET](mailto:CATHYPHI@WWD.NET).

5. **ROBERSON** (was **POSEY-SCOTT-SKINNER**) In an earlier issue of HCJ, I posted a query for information on the parents of my 3rd great grandmother, Fannie **ROBINSON**. Since that posting I have learned through several email discussion lists and further research through record books that the name I was researching, **ROBINSON** is a variation of the name **ROBERSON**, which can also be found as **ROBERTSON** (just to confuse matters more).

I am seeking information on the family of: (1) Edward **ROBERSON/ROBERTSON**, b. 1770-1780, d. 1835 probably in Braxton Co., m. Mary **COGAR**, b. Abt. 1786, d. Aft. 1850; (2) Mary Elizabeth **ROBERSON**, b. Abt. Mar 13, 1807, d. Oct. 6, 1873, m. Eli **WILSON**, b. March 26, 1808, d. Nov. 8, 1874; (3) Nancy **ROBERSON**, b. Abt. 1808, m. James F. **MOLLOHAN**, b. Abt. 1805; (4) Susannah **ROBINSON**, b. Abt. 1813 d. Abt. 1869, m. Absolom **RIFFLE**, b. Mar 1808, d. Abt. 1900; (5) Cynthia **ROBINSON**, b. Abt. 1815 d. 1849-1850, m. Benjamin H./Franklin **POSEY**, b. 1815; (6) Son **ROBERSON**, b. 1815-1820; (7) Daughter **ROBERSON**, b. 1815-1825; (8) Jane **ROBERSON**, b. 1820-1825; (9) Sophrana "Fanny" **ROBINSON**, b. 1823-1826, m. Benjamin H./Franklin **POSEY** b. 1815.

I descend from Sophrana "Fanny" **ROBINSON** and her husband Benjamin H./Franklin **POSEY**, through their daughter Lucy H. **POSEY** who married Francis M. **SKINNER**, son of Alexander Newton **SKINNER** and Phebe **CONRAD**. Mary **COGAR**, mentioned above, was the daughter of Peter **COGAR** and Mary **McELWAIN**. It appears that this family lived in Franklin Co., VA then Braxton Co. where many of them seem to have settled or lived nearby. Any information on this family would be appreciated. Please e-mail me at: [JCCEKOST@aol.com](mailto:JCCEKOST@aol.com) or write to: Cindy E. **KOSTKA**, 12 Montello St. Ext. Brockton, MA 02301-7101.

6. I have reached a dead end on several of my Lewis/Harrison County lines and wonder if anyone can help with the following: 1) Ancestors, dates/places of birth and death for William **BURNSIDE** and his wife Margaret. The family emigrated from No. Ireland in 1795 and settled in the Good Hope area. 2) Ancestors, dates/places of birth and death of Elizabeth **LYNCH**, wife of James **SOMMERVILLE** who was b. 1752 County Donegal, Ireland and d. 1821 Harrison Co. 3) Ancestors, date & place of birth, and wife's name of Jacob **McCONKEY** who died 1861 in Harrison Co. Any information would be great. Snail mail is Judy **CORRIN**, 1424 Rust Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455, or e-mail [ManxLass@aol.com](mailto:ManxLass@aol.com).

7. I am looking for information on three individuals in the hope that they will grow into families. The names are Elizabeth **GOSLIN**, George **WRIGHT**, and Lucinda **PIERSEY**. Other than George **WRIGHT**, I believe I have the spellings as they appeared on marriage documents I retrieved from the Clarksburg Court House. Elizabeth **GOSLIN** married my gggg grandfather George **DEAKON** in Harrison County in March 1799. The marriage document contained a permission statement from George **WRIGHT** stating that he was her step-father and that by granting George and Elizabeth

a license to marry they would be obliging her mother and he. My question is who was Elizabeth **GOSLIN** and where did she come from?

Lucinda **PIERSEY** married my ggg grandfather, George W. **DAKON** in December 1833. A witness for Lucinda was Joshua **PIERSEY**. George **DEAKON** gave his permission for the marriage and with an unusual twist changed his signature to George **DAKON**. Who are Lucinda and Joshua and where did they come from? Please reply to Mike **DAKON**, 12850 Tumbling Brook Lane, Woodbridge, Va. 22192-2450, or e-mail dakonfam@erols.com.

8. Joseph **LYONS**, b. bef. 1784, VA, m. 1799 Randolph Co, VA, Elizabeth **MACE** (d/o John **MACE**). No Joseph **LYONS** (or **LYON**) appears in the 1810 Census of Virginia. Of the Lyons households on this census, there is only one in either Harrison or Randolph County (the residence of the **MACE** family): Abel **LYONS**, Harrison County #909. Could Abel be the father of Joseph?

The Joseph **LYONS** household appears in 1820 Lewis Co VA as follows: Joseph **LYONS**, b.1776-94; wife b.1776-94; 2 males b.1805-10; 2 males b.1810-20 (one could be Joseph who m. Sarah); 3 females b.1810-20. Elizabeth **MACE LYONS** appears in the 1830 census in Athens Co, OH as head of household; and in the 1840 census in Athens Co, OH in the household of her son Phillip **LYONS**; and in the 1850 census in Vinton Co, OH in the household of her son, John D. **LYONS**. This would imply that Joseph **LYONS** died before 1830 - or they divorced.

In a letter from Jane **BOUCHER**: "In 1787 Cornelius **LYONS** signed as a witness on some deeds & other documents in Harrison Co. that pertained to John **HACKER**. In 1810 John **LYON** lives beside John **HACKER** on Hackers Creek, now Lewis Co. I believe John **LYONS** is s/o Cornelius. There is also Sylvester **LYONS** in connection with Cornelius, perhaps another son. This family appears to connect to the **WARD** family. Is there a family connection between **HACKERS & LYONS** or were they just neighbors?"

And another query....Solomon **RIFFLE**, b.ca.1788, VA, m.1819 Nicholas Co, VA Rebecca(h) **WILSON**, b. ca. 1800 VA (unconfirmed d/o Robert **WILSON** & Sarah). I have been unable to connect Solomon **RIFFLE** to the Jacob **RIFFLE**, Sr. line or the Matthias **RIFFLE** line. Any clues to the ancestry and/or siblings of Joseph **LYONS**, Solomon **RIFFLE**, or Rebecca(h) **WILSON** would be most appreciated. My data is online (as RTF reports) via my web site <http://members.aol.com/DLewis0991/roots.html>. Please respond to Debi **LYONS LEWIS**, 2626 Stewartstown Road, Morgantown, WV 26508, or e-mail [DLewis0991@aol.com](mailto:DLewis0991@aol.com).

9. Looking for information on the families of: Louis **WALKER** (b: ca. 17 Dec 1836 TN - d: bef 1870 in IL or IN, M: 21 Mar 1861 Upshur Co, WV to Cordelia **YOUNG** (b: 4 Dec 1842 French Creek, Upshur Co, (W)VA - d: 8 Apr 1870 Upshur Co, WV). Louis was son of Granville and Martha **WALKER**. Louis and Cordelia had two children: (1) Lucinda Clementine **WALKER** who m: Charles Mansfield **FRANCIS** and (2) Emma **WALKER** who m: Dr Theodore Demetius **CASTO** reported that they went to PA.

Also looking for information on the family of Zephaniah & Margaret **CROOK** b: Prince William Co, VA; their daughter Mary Ann **CROOK** (b: Ca 1823 VA - d:30 May 1888

Doddridge Co, WV) who m: James Edward **GAINES** (b:7 Feb 1827 VA - d: 5 Jun 1903 Richie Co, WV) 12 Oct 1842/1848 Harrison Co, (W)VA. Please reply to Larry **FRANCIS**, 5340 Pond Mountain Rd, Broad Run, VA 20137, phone: 540-347-6528, e-mail: LFrancis@citizen.infi.net.

10. Seeking information about the families of Amos **FREESTONE** and his wife, Sarah **REEDER**. Amos was born ca. 1782 in Virginia, probably Frederick County, and died after 2 April 1864 in Indiana, probably Madison County. His parents were Jacob and Martha. He had at least one brother, Daniel (ca. 1772-1852), who married Lydia **DECKER** and Edith **MACY**. Sarah was born 15 September 1784 in Virginia; died 10 October 1845 in Madison County, Indiana. Amos and Sarah had twelve children: Jesse (ca. 1803-?), married Mary **HURT**; Eli (ca. 1805-1898), married Jane **CHAMNESS**; Daniel (1807-1839), married Jane **DOUGHERTY**; Mary (1809-?), married John **STROUD**; Sarah (1815-1873), married Micajah **CHAMNESS**; Amos (1815-1904), married Jemimah **CHAMNESS**; Zachariah (1818-1882), married Mariah **McCARTY**; Gideon (1818-1894), married Clarissa **JAMES**; John (1820-?); Hannah (1824-1868), married Benjamin **JAMES**; Rebecca (1825-?); Jacob (1827-1911), married Patsy **WILDMAN**. In the early 1800s, Amos and Sarah lived in Harrison County, where they owned land on Little Hacker's Creek. From there they moved to southwestern Ohio and then to eastern Indiana. Please reply to Dale **GERBOTH** by e-mail at [dlg@tx3.com](mailto:dlg@tx3.com).

11. Need the name of an orphanage in Lewis Co. around the year 1926. My Aunt Lucy Myrtle **CARPENTER DONAHUE**, b. 1892? dau of Calvin **CARPENTER**. Spelling could be a number of ways...**DONOHUE**, **DONAHUE**). She was killed (I think) on Dec 28, 1926. Three of her youngest children had to go to an orphanage. Her husband's name was John **DONAHUE**. The names of the three children might have been Edith b. 1918, John b. 1920, and Mary Elizabeth b. 1923. Please reply to Jo Ann **DONAHUE HARRIS**, PO Box 378, Seffner, FL, or e-mail [NOSEEUM51@aol.com](mailto:NOSEEUM51@aol.com).

12. I am looking for any information on Grandma **OCHLETREE** who was the widow of William Mitchel **HERRON**; I would appreciate a contact in any form. I am particurlay looking for stories, history and where she lived when she died. I know it was up on a ridge and we had to walk up to her place as there was no road to it back in the late 1930s or early 1940s. Please reply to Dayton (Hoby) **HERRON**, 705 E. Miller Rd. #36, Payson, AZ, 85541 or E-mail [thebird@netzone.com](mailto:thebird@netzone.com), or call 520-474-2984.

13. **BLAND - CUNNINGHAM - HAYES - HAYS - VANSKOY**. I need some help researching the descendants of Moses **HAYS** who died in Augusta County, Virginia. Moses **HAYS** and Sophia **WOOD** had issue: Elizabeth 'Betsy' b. c1761 m. John **LUCE**; Mary b. 25 Dec 1761 m. Jesse **STOCKTON**; Hannah m. Mr. **HALSEY**; James b. c 1761 m. Mary 'Molly' **BUSTER**; Isaac m. Mary **MITCHELL**; Richard m. Rachel **RISK**; Winsted m.? Barbara **HOUSE**. Moses **HAYS** and Sarah **PETTY** had issue: William b. 1781 m. Susannah **CUNNINGHAM**; George b. 30 Jan 1789 m. Mary 'Polly' **VANSKOY**; Susanna m. John **HARDWAY**; Nancy b. 12 Mar 1792 m. Henry **CUNNINGHAM** [parents: John **CUNNINGHAM** & Frances **BLAND**]; Sarah 'Sally' b. ca. 1794 m. John **GALL**; Margaret 'Peggy' b. 3 Apr 1793 m. John **BIRD**. I am compiling the Moses **HAYS** family history and have extensive information on most of these families. Please visit my web page at <http://members.aol.com/tch6535/moses/moses.htm> and then if you have any

information, reply to: Terris 'Terry' C. **HOWARD**, 6535 Seaview NW #303B, Seattle, WA 98117-6051 or email: tch6535@aol.com.

14. Seeking parents of James **WILSON**, b. ca. 1813 Pendleton, d 1878 Lewis Co. Married Dorothea/Dolly **SMITH** 12 Dec 1839 in Lewis Co. Children include: Phoebe, Martin M., Eli J., Richard, Sylvanus, William W. and Ida. Glad to share. Please reply to Jill **PARRY** 3412 West Melody Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902 or winger@iquest.net.

15. Looking for death and or burial information on both Jane **HICKMAN COLLINS**, b. 1830 Ritchie Co., and m. Josiah **COLLINS** b. 1821 Wood Co. In the 1910 census, Jane was living with her daughter, Ann, and son-in-law, William T. **MASTERS** in Tyler Co. She was listed as 80 years of age, widow, 12 children. Josiah was still alive in 1872 selling land in Ritchie Co. but doesn't show up again in the 1880 or 1900 census. Have not been able to locate any death or burial records for either of them and would appreciate any help. Please respond to Melinda **COLLINS LARSON**, 330 W 60<sup>th</sup> G, Clarendon, Hills, IL, 60514, or e-mail MLarson101@aol.com.

16. Looking for info on John **TETER** (b. 1847 in Harrison Co. and d. 1930) He is the son of John C. **TETER** & Dorothy Elizabeth **LAWSON**. He married Elizabeth **COSTILOW** (b. Barbour Co. and d. 1910). She is the daughter of Christopher **COSTILOW** and Mary ?. Married Mar 25, 1865 in Barbour Co. Was told that John & Elizabeth are buried in Rock Hill Cemetery in Vadis, WV. They had the following children: Lora (b. 1865) m. John **OSBORN**; Alonzo (b. 1868/d.1963) m. Edna **OSBORN**; Delbert (b. 1872/d. 1956) m. Minnie **LUNSFORD**; John (b. 1881) m. Vesti **OSBORN**; Delphia (b. 1883) m. Peter **OSBORN**. Please respond to Karina **McGAUGHEY**, 8 Via Naples, Smock, PA, 15480 or e-mail carverm@bellatlantic.net.

17. Searching for Robert **HAMMOND** who left Harrison County after 1830. Married Elizabeth **LOWTHER** and had 3 known children: Rebecca, Elias, Greenbury. The children showed up in Washington County Ohio in 1850 census living with Wm **DOTSON** and wife Elizabeth. Did Robert die and Elizabeth marry Wm **DOTSON**?

Also, John F. **FLEMING**, b Oct 11, 1781 in Hampshire County, Va. married Clary **ROE** in Harrison County, 1803. Need birth and death documentation for John. Andrew John Rosier **ROE** married Susannah **MEEK** March 27, 1779 in Westfield, N.J. He died Sept. 29, 1829 in Harrison County. Need birth and any information on his parents. Please respond to Ethel **NIELSEN**, 25 Bridgewood St, Irvine, CA 92714, or e-mail een10@juno.com.

18. My g-g grandfather William **PRICE**, his wife Rachel and baby John sailed from Bristol, England on the Lord Collingwood, a cargo ship on 17 Mar 1823, and disembarked in Philadelphia on 7 May 1823. Seeking any information on William **PRICE** and Rachel and brothers and sisters of John, if any. Please reply to Clarence **PRICE**, 1270 Dove Meadow Rd., Solvang, CA 93463, or e-mail: clprice@silcom.com.

19. Phoebe Anne **HOWE**, born June 21, 1821 in NY and died July 28, 1881 in Chualar, CA (Monterey). Married to Andrew Burns **PARSONS** September 5, 1844 by Rev. David **BEST** in Randolph (now Tucker) County, WV where they resided until 1876. Seeking the parents, siblings, place of birth or other information for Phoebe Anne **HOWE**.

Reply to Dick ROSS, Two Chinquapin Ave, East Greenbush, NY or rosscard@global2000.net.

20. Looking for info on my great-grandfather Edward 'Bruce' HAMNER, b 1841 Scottsville, Albermarle Co., VA, d ?, s/o Warwick Walter (c1816-aft 1883) & Ciceley Ida PURYEAR HAMNER (c1821 - ?) m Martha Ellen THOMAS d/o John Snyder & Eliza A. WHITE THOMAS 9-19-1865 Upshur Co., WV. Family tradition remembers him as a possible deserter from Confederate Army as the reason he appeared in Upshur Co. around 1865. He and Martha had 8 children. He often went away, returned home and left her pregnant when he went away again. Finally, shortly after the birth of their 8th child, he left and we have no further record of his whereabouts. Any leads will be appreciated. Happy to share info. Please reply to Sandi MICK CHAMBERS, 355 Mobbs School Road, Arab, AL 35016 (256) 586-6432 or e-mail sanjali@mindspring.com.

21. Powhatan GLASS, b. Virginia married Harriet WRIGHT February 4, 1825 in Fairfield Twp., Highland County, Ohio. Powhatan GLASS d. 1839 Highland County, Ohio. Harriet WRIGHT GLASS b. Virginia, married after 1839 William BRAGG. I am looking for any information of family of Powhatan GLASS, children, parents, or siblings. Please reply to Penny THOMAS, 529 Hanford St., Columbus, Ohio 43206-2819, or e-mail rthomas@stores.us.ohio-state.edu.

22. Seeking information on parents of Jane HART, b. Pa. 23 September 1794, d. 31 August 1879 in Wirt Co., W.Va. Married Daniel FOSTER probably in Monongalia Co., W.Va. Lived in the Stewartstown area of Monongalia prior to moving. Daniel's parents were John FOSTER and Mary WELTNER. Daniel's grandfather was Fidelis FOSTER, b. 1734 who was in York Co., Pa. in 1790. He died ca. 1800 Monongalia Co. and his wife was Catherine. He lived in Md. prior to living in York Co. Where was he born? Would also like info on Daniel's other grandfather John WELTNER, b. 1744 possibly Germany. Married Elizabeth KUNKEL and was a Revolutionary War soldier also living in Stewartstown and died 4 October 1818. Would appreciate any information on the above. Please respond to Tom TOWNSEND, 79 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603, or e-mail tomat@juno.com.

23. Looking for any information on the JEFFRIES/JARVIS/HILL families of the Weston area of Lewis County, WV. James Norman JEFFRIES b. 8 Jun 1804 in Fauquier Co. VA, d. 2 Jun 1885 in Lewis Co. WV. 1st m. 28 Sep 1825 to Martha STARCHER, b. abt 1806, d. 2 Aug 1855. Children: Granville E; Ephraim A; Jane; Louisa Elizabeth; Minerva; Mary E; James F; Michael Ephraim; Levi B; Martha. James Norman JEFFRIES' 2nd m. on 10 Mar 1858 was to Susan Lucinda "Cindy" JARVIS, b. abt 1837, d. bef 1928 in Lewis Co. WV. Children: Amos; Wilson P; Clarinda Ann; Charles Allen; Matilda Ann; Tabitha; Sarah "Sally". James Norman JEFFRIES' father was Ephraim JEFFRIES, b. abt 1775, in Fauquier Co. VA. d. abt. 1845. Ephraim was m. 9 Sep 1799 in Harrison Co. to Tabitha NORMAN b. abt 1780, d. abt 1840/50 in VA. Ephraim JEFFRIES' parents were James JEFFRIES and Alice ANDERSON. Tabitha NORMAN'S parents were Clement NORMAN and Jemima SHUMATE. The parents of Susan Lucinda JARVIS were Amos JARVIS b. abt 1814 and Sarah E. ?. Children: William; Margaret; Susan Lucinda; Asa L; Martha A; Hugh; Mary J. James Thomas; and Hannah. Clarinda Ann JEFFRIES, dau. of James NORMAN and Susan Lucinda JARVIS JEFFRIES was born 20 Jul 1864 and d. 14 Jul 1927 in Weston, Lewis Co., WV. She m. Isaac Calvin "I.C." HILL on 8 Dec 1881 in Lewis Co.

He was the son of George **HILL** and Emily Carolina **SHREVES** of Pendleton Co. WV. Children of I.C. and Clarinda **JEFFRIES HILL**: James Edward; John Preston; Ernest W; Emma **BRADBURY HILL** m. Warder Henry **FURY**; Roy Clay **HILL** m. Hattie Belle **WILLIAMS**; Willia Ment **HILL** m. Russell **WISEMAN**; Hunter Brian **HILL** m. Rita Edith **HINZMAN**; Cecil Jennings **HILL** m. Wanda Opal **BOGGESE**; Thelma **HILL** m. George William **COTTRILL**; Hilda **HILL** m. Arthur Henry **GRAFF**. Cecil J. **HILL** and Wanda O. **BOGGESE** are my grandparents. I would like to exchange info. with any of my cousins in these families. Please respond to Diane Hill **ZIMMERMAN**, 231 S. Hempstead Road, Westerville, OH 43081, (614)901-2658, or e-mail [zimmermand@earthlink.net](mailto:zimmermand@earthlink.net).

24. Need help on the parents of my gg grandfather, Lennox **LEWIS**, b. May 7, 1833, m. Caroline **JOHNSON** Jul 14, 1883 in Lewis Co., WV, d. Jan 13, 1888, buried Skinner Cemetery near Orlando, Lewis Co. Some thought he might be son of William **CLARK**, Jr., and Elizabeth **KELLEY**. I believe he is son of Robert Manley **CLARK** and Anna **BOZARTH**. Robert and Anna had son named Alpheus in 1833 (same as Lennox). Alpheus shows up on 1850 Lewis census, Lennox does not. Lennox marries Caroline **JOHNSON** in 1853; there is no record of Alpheus in Lewis or several surrounding counties. Lennox shows up on the 1860-1880 censuses for Lewis Co., Alpheus does not. Lennox had a son named Robert M. **CLARK**, the same initials as his possible father, Robert Manley **CLARK**. He also had a grandson named James Alpius/Alpheus **CLARK**. Based on this circumstantial evidence, I believe Lennox and Alpheus are the same person. Any supporting evidence one way or the other would be appreciated. Please contact Jack **VAN KIRK**, 443 Eastview Drive, Madison, AL, 35758 or e-mail [jack.vankirk@cwix.com](mailto:jack.vankirk@cwix.com).

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## The Lost Strange

This was related as "*A True History Story*" by an unknown author on March 6, 1936. The same story is told in other books about region such as McWhorter's *The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia*.  
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In the fall of 1795, Henry JACKSON was in charge of a surveying expedition in West Virginia which was a dense wilderness at that time. With him was a man named William STRANGE. The duties of Mr. STRANGE were that of a packer and cook for the party. Others that went on the trip were a marker, two chair carriers, and two surveyors. All of them were heavily loaded. Their object was to survey land that had been obtained from the government. When one part of the surveying was finished, Mr. STRANGE was directed to follow one branch of the river to a break in a mountain while the main party followed the other branch which would take them to the same place. There they planned to establish a new camp.

Mr. STRANGE, because he knew nothing of the topography of the country, became lost. He tried to find the others but went farther and farther away from them. The surveyors and others reached the selected camping ground and, failing to find Mr. STRANGE there as was expected, they fired a gun. They heard no response. They fired again and again and still no response they all fired together. Still no answer came.

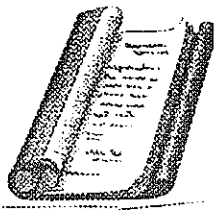
The surveyors then set out on a searching trip. The searchers found a camp recently made by STRANGE. He had mistaken the sounds for that of Indians on a scalping expedition. Mr. STRANGE in dread of the supposed Indians still went farther into the wilderness. The hunting party found evidence of where Mr. STRANGE had camped. They followed his trail to where his horse was found. STRANGE had ridden his horse into a depression among the rocks. Here he could not find any way of getting out without retracing his steps. He abandoned his horse and started on foot.

No special uneasiness was felt on his account until they reached home. There they found that he had not reached home. Later hearing that Mr. STRANGE was easily bewildered in the wilds, and had several times been lost near his home on little hunting trips, they organized a squad of scouts under the direction of Mr. JACKSON and made a thorough search for him. No trace was found of him and the work was abandoned. For many years his meanderings and death were unknown.

Later a company of explorers found some bones which they supposed were STRANGE'S because they also found on several beech trees inscriptions as follows:

"STRANGE is my name, and strange to say,  
I'm lost and cannot find my way.  
STRANGE is my name and I'm on strange ground,  
And strange it is that I can't be found.  
William STRANGE is my name,  
And in these strange woods I must remain.  
STRANGE is my name, I am a stranger in a strange land.  
Strange indeed, I cannot be found."

The creek on which he was lost was very appropriately named Strange Creek.



# Sketches of Old

*A series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in History of West Virginia Old and New, Volume 1, by James Morton Callahan, 1923.*

## Thomas Cummings

When Thomas **CUMMINGS**, one of the substantial businessmen of Keyser, now profitably engaged in merchandising, was brought to West Virginia nearly sixty-seven years ago the state presented a very different appearance from what it does today. He is one of the last of those who passed through the state's great lumber-manufacturing activity, and has seen the virgin forests of white pine, poplar, spruce and cherry fall under the woodman's axe until these lands have been denuded of one of the great sources of natural wealth. He was born in England, October 8, 1855, a son of Maurice and Catherine (**CONDY**) **CUMMINGS**.

Maurice **CUMMINGS** and his wife were married in Ireland. She was born in Ireland, of Irish parents, but moved to England in her girlhood. In 1857 Maurice **CUMMINGS** brought his family to the United States, and made his first home at Clarksburg, West Virginia, from whence he moved to Rockford, Harrison County. Still later he went to Lewis County, West Virginia, and there he died in 1884, when eighty-four years old. His wife had died many years before, passing away January 15, 1869. Their children were as follows: James, who spent his life in Lewis County, was a mason and farmer, and during the war of the '60s served in the Union Army as a teamster. He died at Weston, and is buried near his old home at Belle Mills in Lewis County, West Virginia. Martin died in Phoenix, Arizona, and is buried close to Belle Mills in Lewis County, West Virginia. George, who also spent his life on a farm in Lewis County, died and is buried in the vicinity of his former home. Frank, who was also a farmer, lived on the lines of Lewis and Braxton counties, died and is buried at Clarksburg. Thomas was the youngest born.

But a small boy when his parents settled on Elk Creek, Rockford, Thomas **CUMMINGS** was reared in that locality and the vicinity at the headwaters of the Little Kanawha River in Lewis County. His surroundings were those of farm life, and his educational advantages those of the country schools. Leaving home before he reached his majority, Thomas **CUMMINGS** began to be self-supporting by working on the completion of the terminal of the Western Maryland Railroad. He remained on this job for thirty days, and then went with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and helped to lay the track through Mountain Lake Park and Oakland, Maryland. In 1873 he left railroading for the lumber woods as a laborer, and with an axe and saw as his tools came to know all phases of lumbering from that of a common laborer to serving as superintendent of a large force of men. Beginning as an employee of the Lochiel Lumber Company at Bloomington, Maryland, he was in the service of many concerns, including the Saint Lawrence Boom and Manufacturing Company in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, Rumbarger Lumber Company at Dobbin, Grant County, West Virginia, Backwater Lumber Company of



Davis, West Virginia, the Beaver Creek Lumber Company at Davis, Welch Brothers and the Otter Creek Boom & Lumber Company, both at Hambleton, West Virginia. Mr. CUMMINGS then went with Whitmer, Lane & Company at Horton, West Virginia, leaving them to return to the Rumbarger Company at Dobbin. Following that he returned to Elkins and abandoned the mill business for that of contracting, in connection with which he furnished logs to the saw-mill owned by the Burger Lumber Company. When this contract was completed Mr. CUMMINGS helped to organize the Coketon Lumber Company of Coketon, West Virginia, and when he terminated his connection with it went with the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company as superintendent of the four-foot department of the plant. In 1908 he retired from the lumber industry to engage in merchandising, and has been interested in this line of business at Cass, Durbin and Keyser, coming to the county seat of Mineral County in the fall of 1920 and here opening his general store at the corner of Second and Main streets. On June 12, 1921, he opened his new place of business, which he had erected, and here he is engaged in supplying the needs of a large trade.

In August, 1886, Thomas CUMMINGS was first married, wedding Ida HICHMAN at Greenbank, West Virginia. She died at Horton, West Virginia On January 4, 1904, Mr. CUMMINGS was married second to Mrs. Rebecca (STAHL) COLCAMP at Davis, West Virginia. She was born at Baltimore, Maryland, but was reared in Preston County, West Virginia. Her first husband was John COLCAMP, now deceased. By his first marriage Mr. CUMMINGS had the following children: Ledo Ethel, who lives at Cumberland, and has rendered a valuable service caring for crippled soldiers; and Edna Mary, who lives at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. CUMMINGS have no children, but by her first marriage she had three children, namely: William F. COLCAMP, who lives at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland; Cora, who is the wife of J. E. REMBOLD, of Keyser, West Virginia; and Lula May, who is the wife of C. C. WATTS of Durbin, West Virginia.

Mr. CUMMINGS is not a politician, but he has taken an intelligent interest in public matters. He first voted as a democrat, but during the first administration of Grover Cleveland became converted to republicanism, and has since been a strong tariff man and a protectionist. For several years he was a member of the City Council of Durbin, West Virginia, and was its mayor during one term, but these have been the only offices he has held. Mr. Cummings is a most remarkable man. For many years he was engaged in one of the most strenuous of occupations, and now, although nearing "three score years and ten," is carrying on a large business enterprise with the vigor of one half his age. He has never lost his grasp on events nor his keen judgment of men, and his advice is sought and followed by many of his fellow citizens.

*Weston Democrat*

Nov. 19, 1887

### Crushed Under Mill Wheel

Logan CONNELL infant son of W. T. CONNELL of Grant was killed Thursday afternoon. His death was caused by the falling of a mill wheel which had been standing by the Eagle Mill for several years. The child was playing about the mill and in attempting to get up on the wheel it turned over burying the little fellow beneath it. He had his little wagon with him and it was broken to pieces. Logan was found a few minutes after the wheel fell but his neck being broken, life was extinct.



## Let's Hear it For HCPD!!



Joy received this letter from an obviously-pleased member.  
Just as would a pair of roses, it made Joy's whole day...we  
hope, it will make yours, too!

Ed. Staff

Joy,

I joined HCPD last year and enjoyed it so much I gave a membership to my aunt. I have been reading the non genealogy e-mails I have been receiving from HCPD. Today I told my dad some of the things I've been reading. Even though I am too young to know what you all are talking about (home remedies) and I still have NO clue to where or even what "Hog Hollow" in Cox's Camp Fork is, my father started laughing and said "oh yeah, And we also....." You should have heard him. He lit up like a Christmas Tree in Times Square. He was born and raised in West Virginia and strongly believes that EVERYONE from there is somehow related.

You don't have to read the non-genealogy stories but I highly recommend to those looking for information on Surnames, places, dates, etc., to read everything that comes across this mailing list. Reminiscing about that stuff made my father remember several Surnames in Gilmer County. They weren't ours but they did belong to someone researching WV Surnames.

Can you please send a membership to my dad at [umpirebobc@aol.com](mailto:umpirebobc@aol.com) and the bill to me. I know he is going to enjoy it as much as I have. Plus he can personally thank Betty **ROBISON** from Ohio for all her help in searching for his **CAMPBELL'S**.

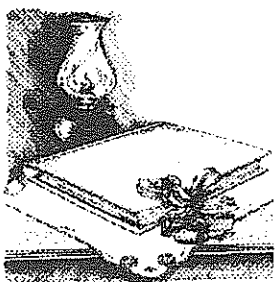
Thank you,  
*Debbie CAMPBELL-MULLINAX*  
Virginia

The Weston Democrat

March 15, 1869

### Surgical Operation

On Thursday, the 25th inst., Dr. W. J. **BLAND** and Dr. **CAMDEN**, assisted by Dr. Jno. T. **BLAND** and Dr. John **McWHORTER**, cut off the leg - the right one - of Abraham **HINZMAN**, who now in his 75th year, has been troubled with a cancerous affecting, or fungus growth on the foot, which of late had spread so rapidly and become so offensive that amputation was deemed necessary. The old gentleman was placed under the influence of chloroform and the operation was successfully conducted, the leg being taken off a little below the knee. It is the opinion of the surgeons present that the operation will materially prolong the life of Mr. **HINZMAN**.



## \*\*\*\*\* IN MEMORIAM \*\*\*\*\*

HCPD is deeply saddened by the recent loss of four of its members, Anne Stewart Casto **BRANDLI**, Mary Lee **SMITH**, George Charles **POST** and Mildred T. **SWISHER**.

### ANNE STEWART CASTO BRANDLI

Anne Stewart **CASTO BRANDLI**, 70, of 6541 Grand Boulevard, New Port Richey, FL, died Saturday, Jan 23, 1999, from a stroke. She was born July 18, 1928, in Barnesville, OH, a daughter of the late Cameron **BLAND** and Mabelle Blanche Foglesong **CASTO**. Her husband, George Luther **BRANDLI**, whom she married in 1948, survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Amye **COX**, Land O'Lakes, FL; two sons, Thomas S. **BRANDLI**, Hanau, Germany, and James C. **BRANDLI**, St., Petersburg, FL; one brother, David C. **CASTO**, Upper Mount Clair, NJ; and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Jeffry and Austin.

Anne was a nutritional counselor for Health Food Stores. In addition to HCPD, she was a member of the historical Society of New Port Richey, a licensed pilot and a member of the D.A.R. She received the Distinguished Hoosier Award of Merit.

Friends were received at Morris Funeral Home, Jane Lew, WV, on Tuesday, January 26, and interment at Broad Run Cemetery was at 4 p.m. that day with Rev. Leon **HEVENER** officiating.

*Note from Joy - One of Anne's goals in life was being able to join DAR; she accomplished that in November 1998, just months before her death. This achievement was made possible by a document found by HCPDer Nancy **JACKSON** in the Lewis County Chancery Records in Spring 1998, verifying the children and grandchildren of William **PETERSON** and Mary **BENNETT** and proving Anne to be a Daughter of the American Revolution..*

### MARY LEE SMITH

Mary Lee **SMITH**, 76, of Route One, Weston, died Thursday, December 31, 1998, in Crestview Nursing Home in Jane Lew following an extended illness. She was born in Lewis County, July 26, 1922, the daughter of the late Orville Preston **QUEEN** and Bessie Myrtle **SMITH QUEEN**. Mrs. **SMITH** was married to William Edward **SMITH**, who preceded her in death on August 17, 1986.

Mrs. **SMITH** is survived by one son, Edward Lee **SMITH**, of Buckhannon, and one daughter, Mrs. Jerry (**ROBIN**) **LIGHT** of Weston. Also surviving are three grandchildren, three great grandchildren, three step grandchildren, seven step great grandchildren,

and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers: Edsil and George **QUEEN** and two sisters: Thelma **HEFNER** and Vera **LAMB**.

Mrs. Smith was a retired medical assistant with Dr. Arnold F. **GRUSPE** of Weston and a member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church. She was a volunteer and served on the Board of Directors with the Lewis County Senior Citizens Center, a member, volunteer and served on the Board of Directors of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, a member of the Gold Age Club and Democratic Women. Mrs. **SMITH** was the last survivor of her immediate family.

Friends were received at the Floyd Funeral Home, 402 Main Avenue, Weston, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday, January 1. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 2, at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Clifford **WEST** officiating. Interment followed in the Forest Lawn memorial Garden.

*Tribute by Joy - Mary Lee was loved by all who knew her. Her willingness to do whatever she could for the betterment of the organization made her a treasure to HCPD. She would often say, "if you need something, just call. I'll be there." She is sadly missed by all of us - as a volunteer, a friend, and a cousin.*

## GEORGE CHARLES POST

George Charles **POST**, 94, of 2 Hill Street, Buckhannon, formerly of Roanoke, died Monday, January 4 at Nelson's Board and Care at Buckhannon of an extended illness. He was born February 13, 1904, on Canoe Run Lewis County, the son of the late William **LOWTHER** and Nancy Elizabeth **ALLMAN POST**.

He is survived only by one niece and five nephews. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family having been preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters. He was married July 18, 1936, at Oakland, MD, to Ruth **McCRAV**, who preceded him in death on September 3, 1997.

Mr. **POST** spent 76 years on his Canoe Run farm where he raised livestock. He was a member of the Lewis County Fox Hunters Association and was a substitute rural carrier for many years. He was a member of the former Roanoke United Methodist Church and a life member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.

Friends were received at the Floyd Funeral Home, 402 Main Avenue, Weston, on Tuesday, January 5. Services were held on January 6 at the funeral home with the Reverend William **ESKEY** and the Reverend Robert **MITCHELL** officiating. Interment followed in the Mitchell Cemetery at Roanoke.

*Note by Joy - Though George was not active in HCPD, his late wife, Ruth McCray **POST**, supported the organization through her donations of stories and articles as well as books for our collections.*

## MILDRED T. SWISHER

Mildred T. **SWISHER**, 86, of Route 4, Box 33, Weston, died at 9:05 a.m. Tuesday, February 16, 1999, at the home of her grandson in Jane Lew. She was born February 29, 1912, in Vadis, a daughter of the late Albert Alonza **TETER** and Edna A. **OSBURN**.

Her husband, Orbie **SWISHER**, whom she married June 25, 1955, survives. Also surviving are three step-daughters, Margene **WENTZ**, New Milton, Evelyn **PAVESE**, Emerson, NJ, and Helen Leasure **WEIRTON**; one stepson, Basil **SWISHER**, Morgantown; one daughter-in-law, Maxine **HENERSON McFARLAND**; one sister, Margie **WRIGHT**, Essexville, MI; one grandson, Dr. Frank **SWISHER**, Westfield community, Jane Lew; several stepgrandchildren; and nieces. She was also preceded in death by one son, Robert J. **SMITH**; one stepson, Wendell **SWISHER**, two brothers, Garney and Aubrey **TETER**, and one sister, Audrey **WISEMAN**.

Mrs. **SWISHER** was a former employee of the WV Glass Factory, Weston for many years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 40 of Weston, a member of the White Shrine and a member of the Home Acres Home Demonstration Club of Sunset Acres. She attended the First Baptist Church of Weston.

Calling hours were held at Floyd Funeral Home on Thursday. O.E.S. services were Thursday evening at 7 p.m. The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Kent **LOWTHER** officiating. Rev. Steve **WHITE** provided music. She was interred at Rock Grove Cemetery, Linn.

*Joy's Comments - Millie and Orbie strongly supported HCPD activities and other historic preservation activities in the state for many years. Those of you who attended the "pig pickin'" at my house in 1992 - or who visited me anytime before Chuck passed away, will be interested in knowing that my home then was the home where Millie and her twin sister, Margie, grew up. They were 5 when the family moved into the house. Her son, Bob, and his wife, Maxine, later owned the house and, if you were at the pig roast, you may remember the tall, attractive woman in the white suit who sat in the swing on the back porch. That was Maxine.*

### Dear Ancestor:

*Author Unknown*



Your tombstone stands among the rest; neglected and alone.  
 The name and date are chiseled out; on polished, marbled stone.  
 It reaches out to all who care; it is too late to mourn.  
 You did not know that I exist, you died and I was born.  
 Yet each of us are cells of you; in flesh, in blood, in bone.  
 Our blood contracts and beats a pulse; entirely not our own.  
 Dear Ancestor, the place you filled; one hundred years ago  
 Spreads out among the ones you left; who would have loved you so.  
 I wonder if you lived and loved; I wonder if you knew,  
 That someday I would find this spot, and come to visit you.

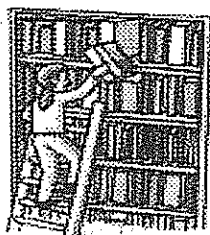


## Can You Remember...

*by Nancy Taylor*



...helping to dig sassafrass root to make the great tea, or pulling up the first onions, dandelions and making a salad in the spring?  
...taking a lantern or an oil filled lamp up the stairs at night to light the way, and having to clean all the glass globes before it got dark?  
...having warm milk in the morning meant being behind dad or mom when they were milking the cow and you got a squirt landing in the face?  
...when there were swinging bridges to cross over the creek and Dad drove thru the creek to get to the house... your house water came from a spring and a snowy trip from the house in the winter time?  
...when pot-bellied stoves in the "front" room, had a pot of beans slowly cooking on it and diapers draped around it as well as the whole family?  
...when nearly everyone's dad smoked and cigarettes were \$1.00 a carton?  
...when you asked what were the small tin cans that people carried with them and was told snuff, you couldn't imagine anyone putting that stuff in their mouths! the first cigarette was one you rolled, made up of corn silk, yuk!  
...you saved silver paper in the cigarette pack and made the stars for your Christmas tree?  
...when everyone got their hair cut at the kitchen table  
...when every boy every summer got a burr cut?  
...you played school and taught the younger kids as much as you learned during the summer time, thereby creating little terrors for their teachers?  
...the first apples meant soupy applesauce, later ones meant cobblers, dumplings & pies?  
...canned green beans meant getting a quart or a half-gallon jar out of the cellar?  
...when school let out in the spring, until time for school in the fall, you no longer had to put on shoes and socks?  
...when nearly everyone's mom was at home when the kids got there. And you were expected to get the clothes brought off the clothes line before the dew fell. You did housework, washed dishes and carried little sister or brother on your hip, while you did it?  
...when nobody owned a pure-bred dog. The more different looking mutt, the better prized, and no one, but trash, killed one?  
...when you took eggs and butter into town and came back with stuff you couldn't grow, like bleach or cough medicine?  
... when fat was rendered and put with lye to make bars of soap, and wash boards, and big galvanized tubs were standard in homes?  
...when your best friend was your sister or your brother?  
...when all your teachers had you lie your head on the desks after lunch and she read from the Bible and then you sang a song about the Bible?  
...if you heard cussing, you said the person was going to hell for sure, teachers paddled and put kids on chairs in the corner and told you to put your coat in the cloakroom?  
...when if you had a car, you got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, for free, every time? (And gas was 19 cents a gallon?)  
...when any parent could discipline any kid, or feed him, or use him to carry groceries, and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it?  
...when a letter came from family, and everybody gathered around to hear Mom read it... 'cause it was from "way over in West Virginia?"



## FAMILY STORIES & BIBLE RECORDS of CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA

Normally we list in the Journal the most recent acquisitions in the HCPD Library at Horner. This issue, we deviate a bit and mention only one book...Volume 2 of *Family Stories & Bible Records of Central West Virginia*. This series is of such importance to those researching the history of central WV families that each volume deserves special attention. *Editorial Staff*

Volume 2 of *Family Stories & Bible Records of Central West Virginia* is now available for ordering from the HCPD library. This is the second of a possible series of four or more volumes, each a continuation of extractions from the *Clarksburg Exponent Telegram*, years 1932 and 1933. Volume 2 completes the extraction from all extant issues on microfilm for the year 1932. Three microfilm reels were donated to the HCPD Library in Horner, West Virginia, where they are available to HCPD members and friends for uses in addition to extraction for compiling this set of books.

The four reels of the 1933 newspapers will initially be retained by Joy Gilchrist STALNAKER for use in compiling Volumes 3 and 4. Having these "treasures" on the shelf are like having unopened Christmas presents, awaiting the days when each can be viewed in its entirety and photocopies of pertinent pages made for copying into the next volume.

Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants has become "A Genealogical and Historical Society of Central West Virginia." You'll find an informal "History" of HCPD in Addendum 2 of Volume 2. Also in Addendum 2, you will find the address delivered by Joy for the Dedication of the Willis G. TETRICK Collection in 1997. It is because of the work of Mr. TETRICK during the 1920s and 30s in seeing that the family histories of the people of central West Virginia were recorded and preserved that these volumes of extractions can be published.

Although no Bible contest was going on during the five months covered in Volume 2, nearly every family history story contains one and sometimes several references to the records in numerous family bibles.

Two articles published during the time frame of Volume 1, April through September 1932 (not available on microfilm), were found and forwarded for inclusion in this Volume. They are found in Addendum 1.

Interviews with Civil War Veterans of both the North and South contain a wealth of military information - battles fought, regimental units, officers, comrades, etc. These stories also provide numerous clues to places beyond central West Virginia where various branches of the families migrated. The address by Willis G. TETRICK at the

Dedication Service of the then new Courthouse in December 1932 provides an excellent summary of the history of Harrison County.

An every-name index begins on page 143 and contains 4,687 entries, with maiden names given wherever possible.

Photocopies of the original newspaper articles may be requested by sending \$1 for each and a long SASE to: HCPD, PO Box 56, Horner, WV 26372. The book is \$12 plus \$3 S/H --- WV residents must pay 6% sales tax.

## Where was Lucullus V. McWhorter Born?

*Do you remember this one from the last issue? In that article, Debbie EASTEP mentioned that a biography of McWhorter's life said simply that he was born "on the upper waters of the Monongahela River in Harrison County, WV." Debbie challenged members to come up with anything more definitive. As you will see below, responses were varied, still leaving a gap between fact and folklore*

Ed. Staff

Some time ago I was in contact with his [McWhorter's] granddaughter [Judith **MCWHORTER GOODWIN**]. I spoke with her and she also wrote to me on several occasions. She knew her grandfather well. In her biography of her grandfather she says, "He was born, the eighth of twelve children, to Dr. John Minion **MCWHORTER** and Rosetta **MARPLE MCWHORTER** on January 29, 1860 in his Great Uncle Tom's log cabin on McKinney's Run, a tributary of Hacker's Creek, in Harrison County, then Virginia. McKinney's Run is today (at Hacker's Creek) in Lewis County, WV. I am sure that this log cabin was probably located at McWhorter where the McWhorter Cemetery is today in Harrison County.

*Linda **BRAKE** Meyer*

First off, he [McWhorter] was NOT born in Harrison Co. He was born 28 June 1860 in Upshur Co. (Lucillus Virgil M. **MCWHORTER**, page 25 of *Upshur County Birth Records* by Billie Faye **DROST** & Karon Janel **KING**). Wouldn't you "assume" that the County records are right? If they are NOT, then we are wasting our time doing this kind of hobby. I was an Air Force recruiter for over five years and I had applicants and their parents that didn't even know "for sure" where, or the date, they were born. If the Upshur County records show this guy born there, then how can "the facts" be changed to suit a County where he may have "thought" he was born because the family probably lived there for awhile?

*Doug **GARMAN***

*The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia* by Lucillus V. **MCWHORTER** says "Lucillus Virgil, son of Rev. J. M. **MCWHORTER**, M. D., was born in a log cabin built by his great uncle, Thomas **MCWHORTER**, on the ancestral home, on McKinney's Run, a tributary of Hacker's Creek, in Harrison County, (West) Virginia, January 29, 1860. The following March his parents moved to Buckhannon Run, an upper branch of Hacker's Creek, in Upshur County."

*Perry **BRAKE***

So where was Lucillus REALLY born? Sorry, Debbie....we'll let YOU be the judge!



## The Mary and Marty Story

or

### *HCPD Does It AGAIN!!*

I was sitting at my computer on Saturday morning, January 8, 1999, fiddling with some corrections to my **SLEETH** Family History Book when the phone rang. I glanced at my Caller ID box, which said "Unavailable", but I decided to risk a telemarketer and answered anyway. The female voice at the other end said "Mary?" Still suspicious of telemarketers, I said "Yes." The voice said, "This is Martha Wright **BACON**."

I must stop here and do a little background on the remainder of the story. When my dad was in med school at WVU, one of his best friends was another med student by the name of Gene **WRIGHT**. Gene and Virginia (his wife) and my mom and dad were great friends and had lots of wonderful escapades together. When I was 14, my dad was going to a conference at Sun Valley, Idaho. My older sister had another adventure and my little sister was not a good traveler, so I took off across the U.S. with my mom and dad, visiting here and there along the way. One of the places we stopped was Sheridan, WY, where Virginia **WRIGHT** (then **DUNLAP**...Gene had died way too young) lived with her kids. There I met Marty **WRIGHT**... for a whole day and a half. We hit it off very well, but as kids do, we didn't keep in touch.

As you may have guessed by now, this was the Martha who was calling me! As fate would have it, she has been a member of HCPD for longer than I...not knowing her married name, a reading of the membership list hadn't given me a clue. She had been trying to put together an article for the HCPD Journal, and had called Raydine **TEICHEIRA** to ask her something. In the course of the conversation, Marty mentioned that she thought it was wonderful that the bell tower at the library had been dedicated to Dr. **SLEETH**. Raydine said something like "Well, Mary **CREAMER** is Dr. **SLEETH'S** daughter."

So...Marty called and we talked for about an hour and a half. As a result, Marty is planning to come to the Gathering in August, after which she and I will take off for various places in the continental U.S. to do some genealogical research and generally have a good time. As it turns out, we each had thought of the other one many times over the years...one of those "I wish I could know her better; I think she'd really be a great friend" sort of thoughts, but it took HCPD to bring us back together.

Then, of course, we may find out that we are even related somehow. Isn't everyone in HCPD related somehow?

*Mary Sleeth CREAMER*

*The Weston Democrat*

Feb. 28, 1888

Walkersville - married at the residence of the bride's father on the 19th inst., Miss Rosanno **CASTO** to Mr. Percy **COTRELL**. Also, at the residence of Mrs. Samuel **HARPER**, Miss Luella **HARPER** to Mr. Edgar **WIMER** on Jan. 20, 1888.



## For My Great-Aunt

*by Kelly KAUFMAN - April 6, 1988*

When she died, I took a day off work and drove home because I ought to go.  
 At the funeral home she lay beneath an improbable image of Jesus;  
 he was pink-cheeked, with chestnut curls and mournful blue eyes;  
 He looked to be no match for her. She had a mind and a will,  
 and, for eighty-eight years, the sharpest tongue in the county.  
 I wonder. At the very last, did he come when she called? Did he look like that?

My uncle died twenty-five years ago. My grandmother and grandfather soon after.  
 They'd not know me now, I've changed that much but time fell away as I sat and  
 listened to the quartet that hadn't changed in all that time.  
 The singers from the Bender's Run Baptist Church, not known to me, but kin, I'm  
 told. Still nasal and quavery and Appalachian as dirt, but holding in their song  
 our bone-deep memory of bagpipes and wind on the moors.

Eleven miles of winding pavement then three of gravel, more or less  
 There's the house great-grandpa built. Four more miles, mostly mud  
 to the church at Crooked Fork. Across the road is a great high hill  
 round and stoop-shouldered, like most of them here, but steep.  
 My father has told me that when he was a boy, it was planted in corn, somehow.

Behind the church, another hill, not as high, but just as steep,  
 and, from my earliest memory, the last outpost on the way to forever.  
 We climb, awkward and encumbered by our good dark clothing.  
 My black dress heels break the January skin of the world as though piercing a veil.

We climb to where she's waiting in bronze and rosebuds  
 poised on two-by-fours at the brink of always. Beyond the double row of living.  
 mourners are row on row of other generations crowned in granite  
 and as real as the earth that covers them. I pause afterward to visit the dead;  
 I speak to her sister, my grandmother.

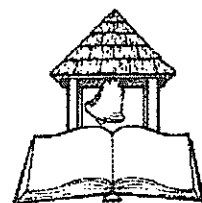
Then, their parents, whose stories I'd heard from the mouths of the sisters.  
 I knew their faces from their places on the wall,  
 black and white and deeply shadowed, stoic under a younger sun.  
 Eroded by the farm and the flow of the baptismal river,  
 worn as the hills, gnarled like roots sending strength from the earth  
 to the new growth until we return to wait with them; it's how it's always been.

Kelly, author of this wistful and loving poem, is a daughter of Linda STEORTS KAUFMAN, an HCPD charter member. Linda's and Kelly's roots go back to the pioneering families of Central WV.  
*Editorial Staff*



## The Ireland School

Submitted by Betty HEAVNER, believed to have  
been written by the late Cly REGER.



Public school did not exist when the state was formed. Edward C SMITH'S "A History of Lewis County, West Virginia", written in 1920, states there was not a single public school in the country prior to the formation of the state. Callahan's "History of West Virginia" written about 1915, reports there were fifty public schools in Lewis County with a total attendance of 1602. His "public" schools, without doubt, were subscription schools or school for the poor which were provided by a state school fund. It is unlikely the latter would be formed in the southern end of the county for a number of reasons. One was the extremely limited fund and another was the remoteness of the area.

When the state was formed, the counties were divided into townships for administrative purposes. The southern end of the county was Battelle Township. Magisterial districts were established by the constitution of 1872 and Battelle Township became Collins Settlement District. School commissioners were appointed to provide some level of supervision for the schools that existed. The first county superintendent of schools was appointed in 1865 and he worked with the township's boards of commissioners. Log schools were constructed between 1865 and 1867. In 1872 nineteen schools were conducted in Battelle Township but were in session for only two months because the boards did not levy for school purposes. There is no doubt that the Ireland school was one of them.

The early commissioners are unknown but James J. ANDERSON who lived on Leatherback Run, about halfway between Ireland and Walkersville, was commissioner for the township from 1869-71 and may have been elected to terms later as district commissioner. Preston N. CRAWFORD was elected district commissioner in 1883.

Regardless of the above background, Ireland had a school before 1847, the year the post office was established. It is logical to conclude that a school would be needed before a post office. The first school may have been built as early as 1840. The first known school was built on land owned by Robert CLARK, who moved to Ireland from Fidler's Mill in 1839. It was typical of the times, made of logs with benches for seats, and without desks. Books and slates were kept on the benches. A place to write was attached to a wall. The building still stands and is located .4 of a mile south of the Methodist Church. In later years it was converted to a dwelling by the addition of a room or two and the logs covered with siding. It was first known as the Clark School and later to some as the "Church School" because it was also used for church services there. Raymond C WESTFALL, at age 90 also remembers the school being used as a church and said his earliest recollections of it were "two pedestals upon the platform."

The early teachers are unknown. In later years, perhaps in the 1870s and definitely in the 1880s, teachers in the area included Steward **BIRD**, John A. **BIRD**, Sallie **BIRD** and William S. "Uncle Billy" **BIRD**. It is definitely known that William S. **BIRD** taught one or more terms in the 1880s. James **BRUFFY** is believed to have been one of the teachers during this time. Later teachers were Oscar B **WESTFALL**, Ocie **WESTFALL**, Lucretia **ANDERSON**, Gertrude **REGER**, M. Dayton **LEWIS**, Lloyd **BUNTEN**, Arlington P. **CRAWFORD** and Audra W. **REGER**. A list of known teachers and the years they taught at the old school follows:

1890-91	Oscar B. <b>WESTFALL</b>	1898-99	A. P. <b>CRAWFORD</b>
1891-92	Lucretia <b>ANDERSON</b>	1899-1900	Ocie <b>WESTFALL</b>
1892-93	Sallie <b>BIRD</b>	1901-02	
1893-94	Gertrude <b>REGER</b>	1902-03	
1894-95		1903-04	Audra W. <b>REGER</b>
1895-96	M. Dayton <b>LEWIS</b>	1904-05	Audra W. <b>REGER</b>
1896-97	Lloyd <b>BUNTEN</b>		
1896-98	Ocie <b>WESTFALL</b>		

The log schoolhouses were replaced with frame buildings as time passed and lumber became more available. The **CLARK** property had been purchased by the **WILSONS** and a frame schoolhouse was built on the William K. **WILSON** property in 1904 or 1905. It was located across a small ravine and about 300' from the old school. It was built by Alvin B. **WESTFALL** and his son, Oscar B. **WESTFALL**. There is a possibility that the building was put up by Oscar alone. The date it was built is definite because the first school held in the new building was in 1905. A note in the April 8, 1913, issue of the *Weston Democrat*, amended the end of the school term on April, "the 7<sup>th</sup> year in this school." The paper also carried the announcement that there were 104 books in the school library and \$8.00 in the treasury, and that a balloon ascension was held in April 4, 1912 and a pie supper that night to raise money for the school.

It should be noted that some believe the school was built earlier than 1905. Ivy Pritt **HAWKINS**, nee **WARNER**, attended the frame school but not the log building. She thinks she started school about 1903. For the reason stated above it appears that 1905 was the correct date.

The old building was acquired by Elizabeth (Lizzie) **WILSON** and her daughter, Grace. In time an addition was made to make it more habitable by Sanford **WEAVER**, Elizabeth **WILSON'S** father. For many years the place was known as "The Lizzie **WILSON** place." It still stands as earlier referred to.

Mrs. **HAWKINS** remembers the school as having wooden benches, "a place to put your book and a place to write." She said, "The desks at first didn't have metal legs but later ones did, they were painted gray and had no inkwells. There were a few oil lamps around the wall with reflectors on the back. There were water buckets; some pupils had collapsible cups. We finally got a flag. I think we had a peanut social to get money for the flag." She remembers that Oscar **WESTFALL** built a boardwalk from the **WESTFALL** property (later Presley **CRAWFORD'S**) to the school. Hugh **CUNNINGHAM** is of the opinion the boardwalk was built from the village to the schoolhouse. An item

from the *Ireland News* in the county paper stated William BACARN plumbed the schoolhouse for gas in 1912.

School terms at this time started in early October and ended in early April. Teachers at this school and the years they taught were:

1905-06	Audra REGER	1910-11	Audra REGER
1906-07	Audra REGER	1911-12	Audra REGER
1907-08	Druzilla PAUGH	1912-13	
1908-09	Lott CARRAL	1913-14	
1909-10	Audra REGER	1914-15	Margaret MAHONEY

With the passing of time the village developed and the location of the school was an inconvenience to about all of the families. An issue of the county paper announced that President W.K. HALL and G. W. SIMMS of the Board of Education were in Ireland in early March looking for a site for the school building "to be built the coming summer."

The new and third schoolhouse was built by Oscar B. WESTFALL. Dr. Wilbur WESTFALL, his son, recalls that Rhaul REGER and Raymond WESTFALL carried the lumber from a nearby planing mill, the building faced North, had a front porch and a belfry and bell. There was a 'cloak room' to hang caps and coats and leave lunch pails. The desks were double and a stand at the back held a stone water container with a "push button tap." A Burnside stove stood in the center of the room with a coal bucket, poker and small shovel. The teacher's desk and recitation benches completed the furnishings. Black boards were on the wall on each side of the door leading to the cloakroom. A large kerosene lamp suspended from the ceiling gave the only light where the building was used at night for occasional entertainment. This included an occasional spelling bee for the community, literary society presentations, and an occasional play. Pictures of George WASHINGTON and Abraham LINCOLN were standard wall adornment. Occasionally someone would bring in a large hornet's nest. A switch or two of substantial length stood in the corner for those occasions when corporal punishment was needed. It is hardly necessary to add that the boys sat on one side of the room and the girls on the other. Water was carried in a pail from the pump over at the village and there were always plenty of volunteers for the task as the trip was a welcome break from school.

In 1922 a second room was added to the old building, the porch was placed on the east side of the building which now could be entered from the east and west sides. The first four grades were taught in the old room and the fifth through eight in the new addition. Hugh Cunningham was the first teacher in the new room. The new room contained, in addition to the usual furnishings, a large Webster Dictionary held in a rack with casters. It was customary in the spring to take the school visiting to a neighboring school a mile or two away. A Truant Officer visited the schools occasionally as a reminder that kids should go to school. So called Free School Examinations were conducted in the spring for eight grades, those who passed need no longer attend school or could go on to high school.

Teachers at this school are listed. District Boards of Education did not always retain records and a part of the list is from memory:

1915-16	Delia GUM (resigned Feb,1916, replaced by a Mr. SKINNER)
1916-17	?????? BOGGS
1917-18	Fred WEAVER
1918-19	Fred WEAVER
1919-20	Fred WEAVER
1920-21	Fred WEAVER
1921-22	French BOONE
1922-23	Hugh CUNNINGHAM and O.D. BROWN
1923-24	O. P. HEAVENER and Ocie HARPER
1924-25	Mae BENNETT and Pauline CUNNINGHAM
1925-26	Pauline CUNNINGHAM and Ocie HARPER
1926-27	Pauline CUNNINGHAM and Ocie HARPER
1927-28	
1928-29	
1929-30	Russell BIRD
1930-31	
1931-32	Earl W. BIRD
1932-33	
1933-34	
1934-35	Dallas REGER
1935-36	Russell BIRD
1937-38	Harley REGER and Virginia HALL
1938-39	Herald WEAVER
1939-42	Herald WEAVER and Arlene PETERSON
1942-43	Ruth REXROAD and Arlene PETERSON
1942-44	Ruth REXROAD and Arlene PETERSON
1943-44	March LINGER
1944-49	Charles E. McINTOSH and Ruth REXROAD
1949-56	Charles E. McINTOSH and Clara LAW
1956-57	Ethel JOHN and Clara LAW
1957-60	Hobart MICK and Clara LAW
1960-61	Clara LAW
1961-63	Hobart MICK and Clara LAW
1963-64	Clara LAW

An addition was added in the 1940s to serve as a kitchen when the school system started serving hot lunches. It was plumbed for gas and wired for electricity.

When the school closed, the building became a community building. Today it is a project of the Ireland Continuing Education Service Clubs (formerly called Ireland Homemakers) and is the site of the annual Irish Spring Festival each March.

The school closed in September 1963.

## ADDING MILITARY RECORDS TO YOUR GENEALOGY

### What You Need To Know About The National Archives Trust Fund Board

*by Cindy ETHIER-KOSTKA, Brockton, MA*



Through the course of researching your family history you may find it necessary to reach deeper than the more obvious vital statistic records found at the local county court house or state archives. Military records are another source we can use to potentially tell more about an individual than we may expect depending on the information you are seeking and the era in which the individual served.

The National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C. is a place you can turn to for military records. The success of their research depends on the entirety and accuracy of the data you furnish on their form. Each request for information is handled separately.

Military service records usually do not contain family information. **Pension application files** ordinarily are the most helpful to those who are doing genealogical exploration and contain the most complete information about a person's military career. They are based on federal (not state) service prior to World War I and usually include an official statement of the veteran's military service, as well as information of a personal nature. Pensions based on military service for the Confederate States of America were sanctioned by some Southern States but not by the Federal Government until 1959. Inquiries about state pensions should be addressed to the state archives or similar agency at the capital of the veteran's state of residence following the war in which the veteran served.

**Bounty-land warrant application files** are based on federal (not state) service before 1856. Papers in a bounty-land warrant application file resemble those in a pension application file. Additionally, these files often give the veteran's age and place of residence at the time the application was made.

The National Archives suggests that one first request a copy of the person's pension file. If the veteran's service was during the Revolutionary War, bounty-land warrant applications have been consolidated with pension application papers. You can obtain both files by requesting the pension file only.

The National Archives will copy complete compiled military service and bounty-land application files. When they are unable to provide copies of all pension documents because of the size of a pension application file, they will send copies of the

documents they think will be most useful to the genealogist. However, if you still want the complete file, regardless of repetitive or administrative data, you may order copies of all remaining documents by making a special request and you will be notified of the additional cost.

**Military service records** are based on service in the United States Army (officers service before June 30, 1917, and enlisted personnel serving before October 31, 1912); Navy (officers serving before 1903 and enlisted personnel before 1886); Marine Corps (officers serving before 1896 and enlisted personnel before 1905); and Confederate Armed Forces (officers and enlisted personnel serving 1861-1865). Additionally, military personnel who served in common forces raised by the Federal Government, volunteers, fought in various wars mainly in the Federal Government's interest from the Revolutionary War through the Philippine Insurrection, 1775-1902. Compilations of data pertaining to most military service performed by individuals in volunteer organizations during the 19th and early 20th centuries are obtainable, but such records were not compiled for Regular Army officers who served before 1863 and for the Regular Army enlisted men and Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served during most of the 19th century. Records pertaining to such service are scattered among many files and commonly contain sparse details concerning a man's service. The National Archives can not assume responsibility for the research necessary to locate all such documents. If you request a military service record, they will copy the documents that best synopsise the veteran's service.

The record of an individual's service in any one organization is entirely disconnected from their record of service in another organization. The National Archives is unable to establish accurately the identity of individuals of the same name who served in different organizations. If you know that an individual served in more than one organization and you desire copies of all the military service records, you should submit a separate form for the service record in each organization.

Discharge certificates are not ordinarily included as a part of a compiled military service record. Prior to 1944, Army regulations allowed the preparation of an original discharge certificate only, which was given to the soldier. Confederate soldiers in service at the time of surrender did not receive discharge certificates. They were given paroles, and these paroles became the property of the soldier.

Requests to the National Archives for **pension files, bounty-land warrant applications** and **military service records** must be submitted on NATF Form 80. You can obtain these forms by writing to the General Reference Branch (NNRG-P), National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20408. Only one request, per individual, per form is allowed. You must submit a separate form for each file you request. You will find a user-friendly form to fill out, however, in order for your request to be processed there are specific items you must know - the veteran's first, middle and last name; branch of service - Army, Navy, Marine Corps; state from which they served; war in which, or dates between which, they served; If service was Civil War, were they Union or Confederate. A space is provided for any additional information you may have such as the units served in, officer or enlisted, date and place of birth and death.



The request for the search is free. If the file you requested is located, the National Archives will copy the file and then notify you by mail that it will be held for you for 45 days awaiting payment of \$10.00. Upon payment, the copy of the file will be sent to you. The form does allow for credit card payment, in which case, if the record is found it will automatically be mailed to you and your credit card billed. If they are unable to locate the file you request, you will be notified and no payment is required.

To request copies of records PRIOR to World War I, send the form to: National Archives Trust Fund, P.O. Box 100221 Atlanta, GA 30384-0221.

To request copies of records relative to World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam or subsequent service you must write to: National Personnel Records Center (Military Records), NARA, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.

Because all requests are handled separately, if you send more than one request, you may not receive all your replies at the same time. You should allow 8-10 weeks for processing your order. (Cindy's note: My request for information took 7 months, so be patient.)

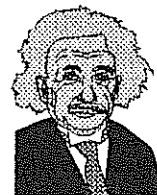
Heritage Books  
to Offer  
*The Pritchard Family History*

At last, all of the materials for publishing *The Pritchard Family History* are in the editor's hands, and since it has been a monumental undertaking, we hope it doesn't die before its birth. Most publishers will promote commercial books; this, however, is a specialty book which the publisher will proceed with only if assured of sufficient buyers. Therefore, prospective buyers must contact the publisher when the first offering comes out in the Heritage Book News. The publisher has agreed to "offer the book on a conditional basis in an upcoming catalog. If it sells well enough in the test period to justify at least a 100-copy print-run, then we will sign the contracts and proceed with the printing. If it does not sell well enough, then we will void the contracts and it will go no further."

Those interested in the PRITCHARD book are encouraged to contact Heritage Books and to alert family members who might want a copy so there will be adequate response to the book. Although there are several thousand names of Thomas PRITCHARD (Jamestown, VA) descendants who may want copies, few addresses are available to alert them directly. Therefore, unless they subscribe to the Heritage Book News, the monthly catalog, they won't know about it. To order the free catalog, or to let Heritage know you desire to purchase the book, calling 1-800-398-7709 (8:30 a.m. -5 p.m. EST), or write Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. They can also be reached by Fax: (1-800-276-1760), by e-mail at ([heritage\\_books@pipeline.com](mailto:heritage_books@pipeline.com)), or at the web page <http://www.heritagebooks.com>).

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## GENEAOLOGY GENIUS



Here are some more hints, tips, and brilliant flashes of genius on how to get the most from genealogy research efforts. HCPD members are encouraged to share tricks they have tried and found useful, keeping the explanation simple so it doesn't take an Einstein to figure them out.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE IN BRIDE'S COUNTY

Submitted by Joy Gilchrist STALNAKER

In Virginia...and after its formation, in West Virginia...it was the law that the marriage license be issued in the county of the BRIDE's residence...not necessarily in the county where the marriage is taking place or the county where the groom lived. So...before you come to the conclusion that your ancestors just jumped over a broom or lived without benefit of wedlock...check the county of the bride's residence, as well as the neighboring counties. Sometimes these folks thumbed their noses at all laws and did as they darned well pleased. If they lived in Alum Bridge it was sometimes easier to go to Glenville...you get the idea here.

### RECORDING BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Submitted by Joy Gilchrist STALNAKER

It was 1850 before a law was passed in Virginia requiring the recording of births and deaths; and it was 1853 before it was implemented. Thus, these are the earliest dates you'll find for recorded births in West Virginia. However, it was many, many, MANY years before people lost their mistrust of the government (have they yet?) and recorded births and deaths. Even into the 1930s and 40s, people were not recording births and deaths; however, they were generally more careful about recording deaths than births. So, don't be discouraged just because you don't find it recorded. And remember...to have died, a person must have been born!

## Riffle and Skinner Family Discussion Lists

Members and friends researching the RIFFLE and/or SKINNER surnames and having access to email are invited to join the RIFFLE and/or SKINNER discussion lists to help further the genealogy of those families.

To subscribe to the lists, send an email to: [RIFFLE-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:RIFFLE-L-request@rootsweb.com) or [SKINNER-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:SKINNER-L-request@rootsweb.com). Please put "subscribe" in the subject line and the message text line.

These two lists were created and are being maintained by HCPD member Cindy KOSTKA. They have been active since January this year. Any questions can be directed to Cindy via email at: [JCCEKOST@aol.com](mailto:JCCEKOST@aol.com). Announcement

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*Shaped from one slab of stone... ..*

## Coffin-Like Tombstones Stand in Family Cemetery

*By Betty HORNBECK*

The least likely place to find tombs reminiscent of King Tutankhamen would be the quiet graveyard of the JACKSON family on a knoll along the Buckhannon river just off the Post Mill road.

But there they are---two tombstones of native stone, six feet in length, shaped as coffins above ground.

Who carved the stones and why is a mystery. It is known that the mammoth slabs were pulled into place by oxen team above the graves of Henry JACKSON, Sr. and his first wife, Mary HIRE JACKSON, prior to the Civil War.

Shaped from one slab of stone, it is impossible to estimate the weight. Each tomb measures three feet across, two feet in height and six feet in length, resting on a slab one foot in depth.

As interesting as the coffin-shaped tombs are the lives of those on whose graves the stones rest.

The JACKSON name has long been synonymous with the history of Upshur county. John JACKSON was the first---and he had a son Edward who had sons Edward Jr. and Henry Sr. Edward Jr. was the grandfather of famed Confederate general, "Stonewall."

Henry Sr.'s only claim to fame may be the fact that he sired 23 children, the progeny still populating the county. Married twice, Henry and Mary HIRE, whose graves are pictured, were the parents of 13 children.

Ten children were born to Henry and his second wife, Elizabeth SHREVES. The last child, Gideon Draper Camden JACKSON, was born January 15, 1852, and his father, Henry, died the following month at the age of 78!

Names, dates of births and deaths of the 23 children are all in a family Bible...Ester JACKSON, born in 1801; Elizabeth Permelia, 1802; William VanWater, 1804; Hire, 1806; Edward, 1808; Mary, 1810; Henry Jr., 1813; Amanda Melvina, 1816; Rachel Celia, 1817; John Anderson Brake, 1820; Jacob, 1821; Ulysses, 1824; and Mary Sophia, 1827.

Two of these sons, Hire and John Anderson Brake, went west to California in the Gold Rush of 1849. Ulysses followed later, traveling from Clarksburg to Oregon with an ox team.

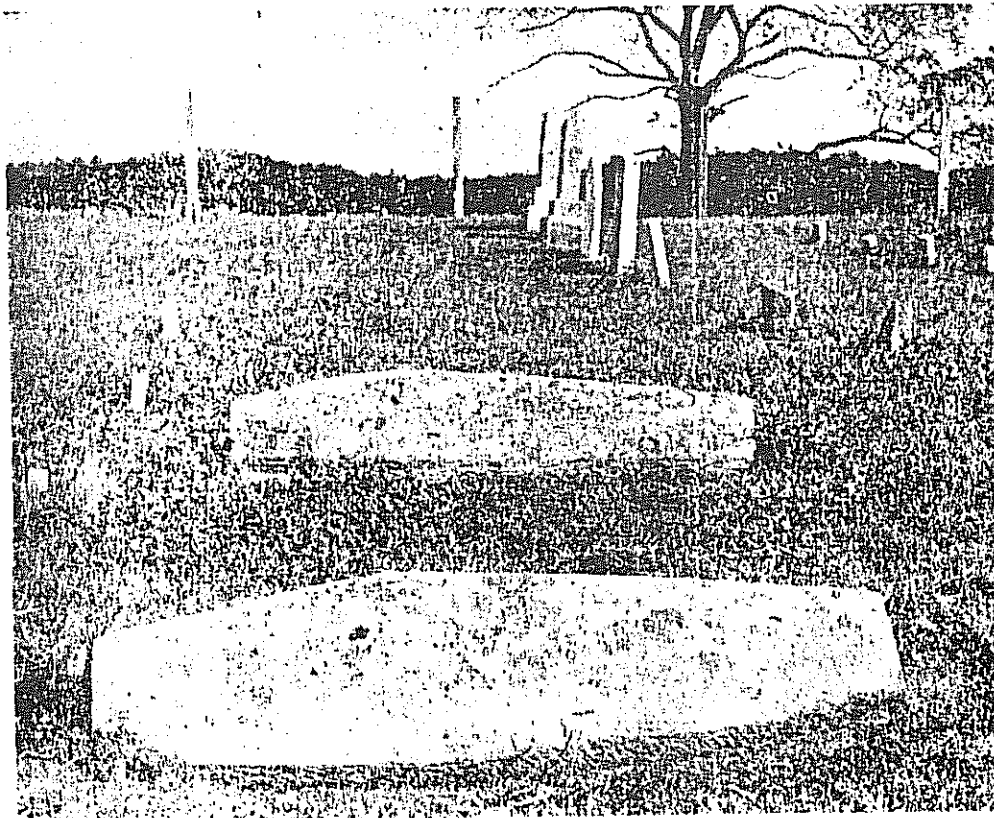
The mother, Mary, died in 1837, and in little more than a year, Henry, Sr., at the age of 62, married a 22-year-old girl, Elizabeth SHREVES.

Here again the births are recorded in the JACKSON family Bible: Decatur, 1836; Samuel Dexter, 1838; James Alonzo, 1811; Marion Orlando, 1841; Melissa, 1812; Columbia Roxanne, 1844; George Washington, 1815 (killed by Indians in 1853 while crossing The Plains); Artameshe, 1847; Clipso Mero, 1818; and finally, Gideon Draper Camden, 1852.

Among the approximately 35 graves in the cemetery are those of three of the sons, all veterans of the Civil War, and all members of Upshur county's 3rd W. Va. Cavalry---Samuel Dexter JACKSON, grandfather of Glenn JACKSON, of Barbour street, who served in Co. H; another brother, Marion Orlando, father of Minter JACKSON, of Hall Route 1, and a member of Co. K, and still another brother, James Alonzo, a member of Co. H.

In a family cemetery there is peace---rest from the wars, rest from the Indians, rest from the vigorous pioneer life.

Remaining are two mysterious monuments---coffin-shaped tombstones.





## WHO HAVE ENROLLED

*The following list gives the names\* of the students who have enrolled in the West Virginia University Medical School from 1902-1962. The year of entrance and the place of residence is also given. Addressees are all in West Virginia unless otherwise indicated.*

*\*The names listed are those which were used when the student registered.*

**This list has been donated to Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants by Mary Sleeth Creamer, in memory of her father, Clark Kendall Sleeth.**

Fitch, Thomas S P  
1921  
Fairfield, NJ

Flanary, Jack R  
1953  
Yukon

Fleger, Robert A  
1935  
Marting ?

Fleming, Arthur R  
1943  
Buckhannon

Fleming, Carter S  
1911  
Fairmont

Fleming, Donald E  
1948  
Hollidays Cove

Fleming, Robert J  
1939  
Morgantown

Fleshman, Dewey L  
1919  
Pence Springs

Fleshman, Robert M  
1943  
Huntington

Flick, Donald F  
1943  
Martinsburg

Flowers, Frank E  
1903  
Glovers Gap

Fluke, Samuel B  
1924  
Altoona, PA

Fockler, Hubert H  
1923  
Persinger

Foley, John M  
1946  
Fairmont

Foley, Mary J  
1940  
Clarksburg

Ford, John L  
1925  
Johnstown, PA

Ford, Scott A  
1925  
Talcott

Forestiere, Jose A  
1922  
Caguas, PR

Forman, Louis M  
1933  
Kimball

Fortney, Elihu L  
1934  
Newburg

Fowler, Charles A  
1902  
Kingwood

Fowler, Donald R  
1959  
Parkersburg

Fowler, Theodore G  
1933  
State College, PA

Fox, Herman V  
1923  
Sutton

Fox, Leo, Jr. 1949 Huntington	Franklin, Norman 1953 Yukon	Gaetanello, James 1921 New York, NY
Fox, Lewis N 1950 Prenter	Franks, Andrew G 1928 Masontown, PA	Gage, Chase R 1928 Cambridge Springs, OH
Fox, Lois L 1942 Smithburg	Frazier, Paul J 1909 Ft. Gay	Gage, Everett L, Jr. 1960 Bluefield
Foy, Hayward W 1924 Harding	Freeman, Emma J 1947 Adrian	Gainer, James V., Jr. 1955 Tunnelton
Frame, Eugene M 1938 Charleston	French, John D 1947 Bluefield	Gamsjager, Dorsey C (changed name to Beall) 1946 Grafton
Frame, Luke Wright 1925 Morgantown	Friedman, Louis B 1933 Martinsburg	Garber, Gordon L 1910
Frame, Ray I 1919 Sutton	Friedman, Maurice D 1920 Cleveland, OH	Garcia, Charles T 1931 New York, NY
Frame, Robert N 1933 Morgantown	Front, Charles 1932 Wheeling	Garred, Herbert W 1924 Charleston
Frame, William S 1933 Morgantown	Fullmer, John L. 1959 Reedsville	Garree, Lloyd 1903 Sutton
Franceschi, Andres, Jr. 1927 Yauco, PR	Furbie, Kenneth D 1928 McMechen	Garretson, Richard H 1960 Huntington
Francis, Thomas R 1904 Connelsville, PA	Fuscaldo, John T 1958 Fairmont	Garretson, William B 1952 Stephenson
Frankel, Charles J 1930 Huntington	Fusco, Patrick J 1921 Niles, OH	Garrett, Charles M., Jr. 1946 Weston
Frankhouser, Russell L 1941 Pine Grove	Fuster, Jaime L 1930 Guayama, PR	Garrett, Genevieve M 1943 Morgantown
Franklin, Marvin 1945 Wheeling	Fuster, Manuel F 1930 Guayama, PR	Garrett, Patrick H 1918 Mt. Hope

Gaskel, Jerome 1929 Williamson	Germon, Patricia A 1957 Wellsburg	Gladwell, Clare 1928 Harding
Gaspar, William A 1929 Brookline, PA	Chapery, Alfred D 1955 Wheeling	Glass, Donald D 1962 Uniontown, PA
Gaston, Lloyd H 1925 Keyser	Chapery, James L 1956 Wheeling	Glassman, Danny 1931 Morgantown
Gautier, Claude V 1906 Huntington	Gialamas, Antonio 1950 Weirton	Glassman, Joseph 1921 Brooklyn, NY
Gaydosh, Anne T 1931 Wheeling	Gibson, James K 1921 Triadelphia	Glenn, Francis W 1928 Smithfield, PA
Gaydosh, Francis P 1938 Wheeling	Gibson, John S 1908 Huntington	Glenn, Marshall 1933 Elkins
Gaydosh, Michael A 1932 Wheeling	Gibson, Luther V 1920 Clay	Glenn, Walter J., Jr. 1939 Fairmont
Gaynor, John S 1930 Wheeling	Gibson, Stephen K 1956 Nitro	Glover, Douglas D 1957 Rowlesburg
Gaziano, Dominic 1958 Pemberton	Giffin, Theodore C 1919 Rowlesburg	Glover, Helen K 1932 West Union
Geldtzahler, Lewis 1921 New York, NY	Gillespiy, William G 1955 Huntington	Goad, Francis A 1958 Clendenin
Gemma, Frank E 1956 Clarksburg	Gilliland, Robert L 1956 Belle	Gocke, David J 1954 Fairmont
George, Jessie E 1923 Morgantown	Gills, Lawton L 1925 Bluefield	Gocke, Thomas V 1919 Piedmont
Georgessi, Guiseppe 1905 Uniontown, PA	Given, Arnold J 1919 Elkview	Goddin, Eva < 1917 Elkins
Gerchow, Keith 1933 Huntington	Given, Clarence A 1927 Charleston	Godfrey, Harold G 1947 Parkersburg

Goff, Eustace T  
1919  
Juna

Goff, Fred L  
1948  
Charleston

Goff, John T  
1920 Burnt House

Goff, William H  
1931  
Burnt House

Goff, William R  
1913  
Spencer

Goldapper, Herman I  
1929  
Wheeling

Goldberg, Rudolph  
1920  
New York, NY

Goldfarb, Martin S  
1945  
Charleston

Goldfein, Jerome A  
1982  
Cleveland, OH

Golembe, Julius  
1920  
New York, NY

Gonzales, Hector M  
1927  
Humacao, PR

Gonzalez, John J  
1932  
Aibonito, PR

Good, Harry S  
1930  
Allentown, PA

Goodall, Frederic C  
1932 Bluefield

Goodall, Ralph E  
1924  
Barnesboro, PA

Goodfriend, Sanford  
1933  
Brooklyn, NY

Goodman, Alfred V  
1923 Raleigh, NC

Goodman, Edward  
1930  
New York, NY

Goodno, John A., Jr.  
1951  
Huntington

Goodson, James R  
1937  
Davy

Gorby, Clyde O  
1913  
Moundsville

Gordon, Paul E  
1944  
Clarksburg

Gotard, William  
1932  
Wheeling

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her professional services to help HCPD establish an archival policy and implement it. As I write this letter, this committee is just beginning a series of meetings with Joan (she came to us); if today's "first" meeting was any indication, Joan is going to be a great teacher and we're on the right track! Members of the newly formed committee are: Mary Creamer and Linda Collins of Morgantown, Linda Kaufman and Phyllis Brown of Clarksburg, and I am an ex-officio member.

I know that some of you are wondering about the Siding Fund. It has nearly met its goal; however, there is ONE BIG HITCH. We had the "cart before the horse." About the time the siding fund was started, we realized that we had some "big" electrical problems. So. . . before we can side the building, we must upgrade the electricity and insulate the building! Two HCPDers who are electrical engineers, two or three other HCPDers who are electricians, and two local contractors, together with our local power company, completed a study of our electrical needs (and projected needs). In the "outside world" this study would have cost \$20,000 and taken six months. As it was, these fellows did the work in two weeks and it didn't cost us a cent except for a few long distance phone calls and some stamps. *Thanks, guys!* The jist of the study is that it is imperative that we add another 200 amp service to the building.

This additional service has a price tag of about \$1000. We received a donation from a local member which will cover this cost. Once this is completed, we will proceed with the rewiring. Some of this work will be done by volunteers working under the leadership of a master electrician whom we will have to pay. If you are an electrician or have electrical experience and would like to help with this rewiring (as a volunteer), please let us know. In addition, we will incur some additional costs; and, as always, we are looking for ways to pay for this. Any suggestions?

Then we'll insulate! Then we'll reside the building!

Meanwhile, we're going to put a coat of paint on the two sides that face the two roads. Any volunteer painters out there??????????

One more thing and then I gotta' go! If you haven't received information about the Annual Gathering by the time you receive this HCJ, contact us. Gathering Information was sent a couple of weeks ago as *Up the Creek*, Issue 2, for this year!

Take care, all.

*joy*

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**ARTICLE I – Name.**

**The name of this society shall be HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER  
DESCENDANTS.**

**ARTICLE II – Purpose.**

The purpose of this Society shall be to:

Assist in the development and preservation of the history and genealogy of the Central West Virginia area.

Exchange and publish historical and genealogical information about the said area.

Sponsor special projects, workshops and/or meetings relating to the history and genealogy of the said area.

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or by organization contributions which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

### **ARTICLE III – Official Publication.**

The Society shall issue a serial publication under the name THE HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL.

### **ARTICLE IV – Membership.**

#### **Section 1.**

Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the history and/or genealogy of the Central West Virginia area.

#### **Section 2.**

Membership dues shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

### **ARTICLE V – Government.**

#### **Section 1.**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the six officers identified in Section 6 of this Article and the immediate Past-President; the Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Executive Committee and six Representatives-at-large, providing a Board of Directors of thirteen. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the society, and empowered to spend up to \$500 above budgeted expenses. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body. The six officers shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for two years following election. The six Representatives-at-large shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the first election of these Representatives-at-large a drawing shall be held for three one year terms and three two year terms. Thereafter, Representatives at-large shall serve for two years following election.
- (b) The Endowment Committee chairperson and the Standing Committee chairperson shall serve as an Advisory Council to the Board of Directors.
- (c) Members of the same immediate family may not serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. Immediate family is defined as the spouse or children of a member.

and the State of West Virginia to maintain the Society's tax-exempt and not-for-profit status.

- (d) The Treasurer shall or in conjunction with paid staff:  
Collect and record all dues and funds received by the Society; pay all bills belonging to the Society; serve as a member of the Reunion Committee; draft a budget to be discussed and/or modified and adopted at the Annual Meeting; regulate expenditures in accordance with the budget; give a financial report at Board of Directors meetings and an Annual Report at the Annual Meetings; keep appropriate records and, with the secretary, file the necessary forms with the appropriate District Director of the Internal Revenue Service and the State of West Virginia to maintain the Society's tax-exempt and not-for-profit status; and serve as a member of the Endowment Fund Committee.
- (e) The Archivist/Librarian shall:  
Be responsible for filing and preserving historical and genealogical material gathered by or contributed to the Society.
- (f) The Editor shall:  
Serve as Editor-in-Chief of the Society's publication, the "HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL"; serve as Editor-in-Chief of special publications undertaken by the Society pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.** Quorum of Executive Committee and Board of Directors: A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be four (4); a quorum of the Board of Directors shall be seven (7).

#### **ARTICLE VI – Meetings.**

There shall be an Annual Meeting of members held at a place and date determined by the Reunion Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VII – Fiscal Year.**

The fiscal year shall begin October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 2.**

All members of the Board of Directors shall be paid-up members of the Society.

**Section 3.**

Newly elected Board of Directors members shall be seated at the beginning of the fiscal year following election.

**Section 4.**

The Executive Committee shall:

Transact the affairs of the Society, report on proposed policy changes and new projects. Keep the membership informed of activities affecting the Society and employ such personnel as necessary to carry out the operations and projects of the society within the limitations of the operational budget.

**Section 5.**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least bimonthly.

Additional meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6.****Duties of Officers.**

(a) The President shall:

Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of them except the Audit and Nominating Committees.

(b) The Vice-President shall:

Assist the President in organizational duties; Perform the duties of the President in the absence of, or inability of the President to serve; Serve as Chairman of the Reunion Committee.

(c) The Secretary shall or in conjunction with paid staff:

Record the minutes of meetings of the general membership, the Executive Committee, and of the Board of Directors; preserve minutes and reports; be responsible for the correspondence of the Society and the maintenance of the mailing list of all members of the Society; serve as a member of the Reunion Committee; keep appropriate records, and with the treasurer, file the necessary forms with the appropriate District Director of the Internal Revenue Service



## **ARTICLE VIII – Revision of the by-laws.**

Amendment and/or revision of the by-laws may take place as follows:

- (a) The proposed amendment or revision shall be submitted in writing to the President prior to March 1.
- (b) The proposal shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors in written ballot by May 1.
- (c) The proposal shall be published in the “HACKER’S CREEK JOURNAL” in its Summer issue together with the Board of Directors action on it.
- (d) The proposal shall be voted on at the next Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX – Standing Committees.**

- (a) The Reunion Committee shall make arrangements for and organize the Reunion; including site, date, decorations, speakers, entertainment, housing and meals. Site and date shall be announced in the winter issue of the “HACKER’S CREEK JOURNAL”. Reunion reservations shall be available to members in April preceding the meeting.
- (b) The Publicity Committee shall encourage publication of news relating to the activities, especially the Annual Meeting, of the Society and shall advise the Board of Directors concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee. For this purpose, the Committee may supply information to appropriate daily and weekly newspapers serving the Central West Virginia area and other publications more specialized in genealogy and history.
- (c) The Publications Committee shall issue the official Society journal known as the “HACKER’S CREEK JOURNAL”, at a frequency dependent on availability of material and finances as approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee may from time to time, investigate, prepare and issue special publications and offer them for sale.
- (d) The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the President, and shall examine annually at the end of each year the Society’s accounts held

by the Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee shall consist of one member of the Executive Committee and two members of the Society. The Committee shall audit the records and report their findings in a signed report in an official publication of the society.

- (e) The Special Projects Committee. From time to time, the Society may wish to undertake special projects consistent with the stated purposes of the Society. The President shall appoint members of the Society to investigate and propose projects for the approval of the members, and if approved, to carry out the project.
- (f) The Correspondence Committee shall answer all correspondence coming to the Society pertaining to membership, inquiries for help with research, etc.; shall be responsible for mailing the "HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL" and other letters to the general membership, and shall advise the Board of Directors concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.
- (g) The Building and Grounds Maintenance Committee shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing or causing to be maintained and repaired all buildings and grounds owned or leased by the society, and shall advise the Board of Directors concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.
- (h) The Cemetery Records Committee shall compile and maintain a record of all cemeteries with the Central West Virginia area and, from time to time, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, Prepare for publication the names and other pertinent information of those buried within the area. They shall advise the Board of Directors concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.
- (i) The Library Committee shall assist the Archivist/Librarian with his/her duties and shall advise the Board of Directors concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.
- (j) The Cemetery Maintenance Committee shall be responsible for maintaining or causing to be maintained Morrison Cemetery and others within the Central West Virginia area as selected by the Board of Directors or for which funds for the purpose are donated by the general membership. The Committee shall advise the Board of Directors concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.

## **ARTICLE X – Elections.**

### **Section 1.**

All Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of votes cast at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

### **Section 2.**

A Nominating Committee of one member of the Executive Committee and two or more members appointed by the President shall prepare a slate of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee may solicit recommendations for officers from the general membership. The Nominating Committee must obtain consent of any member nominated for an office in the Society.

### **Section 3.**

Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any members of the Society at the Annual Meeting.

### **Section 4.**

Officers shall be installed in their respective offices at the beginning of the fiscal year following their election. They then shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed into office.

### **Section 5.**

In cases of resignation or incapacity of any officer to serve, the vacancy may be filled by vote of the Board of Directors for the remaining term of the office.

## **ARTICLE XI – Endowment Fund.**

- (a) An Endowment fund shall be established, the income from which shall be used for the purpose of paying utilities, maintaining, purchasing and/or leasing a library facility for the Society.
- (b) The Endowment Fund shall be administered by an Endowment Fund Committee comprised of an elected chairperson, the treasurer, and three persons appointed by the President with the advise and consent of the Board of Directors. At least one of the five members shall be an attorney and at least one shall be an accountant or professional financial advisor.

(c) The committee shall invest Endowment Funds in a low-risk manner.

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